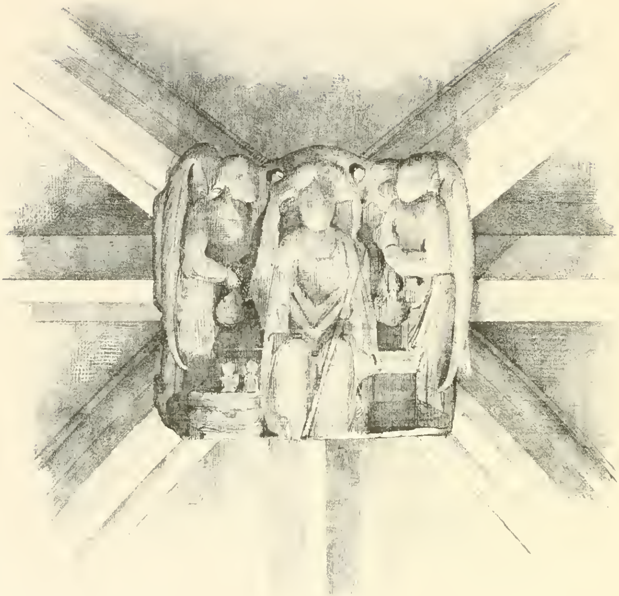
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PREFACE.

THE earliest mention of the CHURCH OF S. NICHOLAS OF ABERDEEN is in a bull of Pope Adrian IV.—Nicholas Brakespere, the only Englishman who ever occupied S. Peter's Chair—addressed "to a Reverend Father Edward, Bishop of Aberdeen".[1] The Pope, premising that he is "moved by considerations of the duty lying upon him to defend from the attacks of evil men those who are invested with the pastoral dignity and promoted to the pontifical office," proceeds :—

"We do therefore of our clemency assent to thy just request, brother bishop in Christ; and do take at once thy person and the Church of Aberdeen, over which, by Divine permission, thou art known to preside, under the

[1] Edward was Bishop of Aberdeen from 1150 to 1171. Keith (*View of the Diocese of Aberdeen*) calls him Saint Edward, and says he was in high esteem with King Malcolm IV. (1153-1165). Unless a name was dropped out of the lists, Bishop Edward was the immediate successor of Nectan, who in the tradition of the Church of Aberdeen was the fourth bishop who sat at Mortlach, and the first who sat at Aberdeen, whither according to the writer of Bishop Gavin Dunbar's *Epistolare* (*Reg. Ep. Aberdon.*, ii. 247) the see was translated in 1125, the first year of King David I. (1124-1153). David, says Dr. Grub (*Eccl. History of Scotland*, i. 266; compare his Preface to *Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, Spalding Club, 1859, vol. i. p. xliv.), was the founder of the See of Aberdeen. Of course there may have been many bishops *at* Aberdeen, presiding over, or ordaining in, the Columban settlement by the Don—S. Machar himself is described as a bishop; but it was not till David's time that the *diocese* of Aberdeen was erected, and the Roman "system of diocesan and parochial administration superseded the irregular monastic usages of the Celtic Church".

protection of S. Peter and ourselves, and by these present letters we fortify thy privilege ; ordaining that whatsoever possessions and whatsoever goods the said Church presently holds by just and canonical right, or shall in future be able to obtain through the grant of pontiffs, the largess of kings or princes, the oblation of the faithful, or by any other just means which the LORD affords, shall remain firm and immovable to thee and thy successors : among which possessions we judge that the following should be expressly mentioned by name : The Church of Abbirdein, the Church of S. Machor, the whole town of Old Abbirdone, half the Water of North,[1] the tithe of the fishing of Crovis (Cruives), Pethferlen, Ardinachin, Ardechellin, Sclaty, Goule, Petsprottis, Murrod, Tuligreig, Kynmonde, Malmeulach, THE CHURCH ALSO OF SAINT NICHOLAS OF ABBIRDONE, the tithe of the Mill of Abbirdone, the tithe of the kain of ships which come thither, with one net in the South Water, and the whole tithe of the fish which are caught there, the whole tithe of the year's crops in the same place, the whole tithe of fishes which are caught in Stellis,[2] the tithe of Baldwyniston both of corn and fish, the tithe of Badfothel,[3] the whole king's tithe of the BURGH OF ABBIRDON, the tithe of those between the two waters which are called De (Dee) and Spe (Spey), the town of Rane[4] with its pertinents, Clat with its church and other pertinents, Tulinestin[5] with its church and other pertinents, the monastery of Cloveth,[6] the town and monastery of Murthillach[7] with five churches and their pertinents, the churches of Rane and Dauyot[8] with their pertinents, the church of Ochtirless[9] with its pertinents, the church of Innercroudan[10] with its pertinents, the church of Balheluy with its pertinents, the church of Brass[11]

[1] Evidently the Don : contrasted with the Dee, which is called the South Water.

[2] The Stells fishings.

[3] Pitfoddels.

[4] Rayne, in the Garioch.

[5] Tullynessle, in the Presbytery of Alford.

[6] Cloveth is Cabrach, far up in the mountains between the Don and the Deveron. (See *Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, iv. 148, Note.)

[7] Mortlach, where "a bishopric or episcopal monastery had been founded by Malcolm Canmore" (1057-1093). (Grub, *Eccl. History of Scotland*, i. 266.) The present church of Mortlach is, with the exceptions perhaps of Birnie and Monymusk, the most ancient parish church in use in the North of Scotland.

[8] Daviot, in Aberdeenshire.

[9] Auchterless.

[10] Cruden.

[11] Birse, on Deeside.

with its pertinents, the church of Dalmayok[1] with its pertinents, the church of Banquhory Dewynik with its pertinents, the land of Ellon which Master Philip held, the town of Fethirneir and church with its pertinents, that town which belonged to Bastian the presbyter with its pertinents, the town which belonged to Achelid' beside Abbirdon. Have thou, moreover, by authority of the Apostolic See, the power freely to institute monks or canons in thy Cathedral Church, according to thine own disposing," etc.

This bull, which is "undeniably authentic," is dated at Rome in the year 1157.[2] Mr. Cosmo Innes, the editor of the Register of the Bishoprick of Aberdeen, conjectures that the power granted to the bishop to institute "monks or canons" points to a contemplated replacement of "the old Culdees, now out of favour":[3] in fact, to the conforming of the ancient Columban foundation of S. Machar[4] to the system introduced by S. Margaret, and so energetically promoted by her sons. It is not less worth observing that in this bull, in the year 1157, the site of "the Church of Aberdeen" (*i.e.*, the Cathedral of the See), the Church of S. Machar—was already denominated *Old* Aberdeen. It had a fair claim to the honour of antiquity, for it could look back, at that time, on four hundred and fifty years of Christian testimony. But it is plainly not simply to its age that, in this connexion, it owes the designation. It is *Old* Aberdeen in contrast to another, and (surely?) a newer

[1] Drumoak. Keith, in his *View of the Diocese of Aberdeen* (1732), calls it *Dulmoak*: the *Old Statistical Account* (1792) says: "In this part of the country it is almost always called *Dalmaik*". (*Collections on the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, Spalding Club, 1843, p. 274.)

[2] It is printed in full (in Latin) in the *Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. i. pp. 5, 6. See the Editor's remarks on it, *ibid.*, Preface, p. xix. and Note.

[3] Boece and the writer of Bishop Gavin Dunbar's *Epistolare* say that Bishop Edward did institute in his cathedral a chapter of secular canons.

[4] S. Machar was a disciple of S. Columba, and was sent by him to evangelise the north-eastern parts of the Pictish kingdom. The church at the mouth of the Don was founded before S. Columba's death, which took place in 597.

Aberdeen, which had sprung up beside it—a place apparently of industry and trade, furnished with a mill, carrying on extensive fishings on the Dee, a seaport, moreover, to which ships resort; while its Teutonic character is attested by the designation which, alone of all the places mentioned in the bull, it wears, "The BURGH[1] of Abbirdon".

There are two facts in particular which suggest that, when the bull was written, in 1157, this "Burgh of Aberdeen" was of comparatively recent origin. There is, first, the fact that it is "not till 1153" (four years prior to the bull) "that we find undoubted evidence of the existence of Aberdeen". In that year we learn from the Sagas that Eysteinn, a Norwegian kinglet, "spread his sails to the south, and steering along the eastern shore of Scotland, brought his ships to the town of Apardion, where he killed many people, and wasted the city".[2] There is, second, the known origin of the Burgh of S. Andrews. S. Andrews, like Old Aberdeen, had been the seat for long of a Celtic religious house—a famous Culdee monastery. In the second quarter of the Twelfth Century, Robert, Bishop of S. Andrews (an English canon regular of the order of S. Augustine, who held the Metropolitan See from 1125 to 1158),[3] was occupied in the double task of reforming the negligence of the Celtic monks, and "sowing the seed of mundane civilisation". With these views he built for his Cathedral "the small basilica"; he founded the Augustinian Priory of S. Andrews; *and* "he persuaded Mainard, the Fleming, to leave the safe walls of Berwick

[1] Old Aberdeen, the seat of the ancient *Celtic* religious house, is called, as Mortlach also is, a town (*villa*): Aberdeen is a burgh (*burgum*).

[2] Joseph Robertson, *Book of Bon-Accord*, pp. 24, 25.

[3] "Bishop Robert zealously co-operated with his sovereign (David I.) in every effort for the temporal improvement and spiritual welfare of the Scots." (Grub, i. 262.)

and undertake the establishment of a 'burgh' in S. Andrews".[1] It were not, with facts like these before us, a very improbable conjecture that Bishop Edward of Aberdeen (we know nothing of his origin, but it is significant that his name is English) may have set himself to copy, in both its parts, the example set him by Bishop Robert of S. Andrews. As we have seen, he certainly *asked* and obtained from Rome the power to replace the (Culdee) monks by canons; he is stated to have effected the change: may he not have been the real founder of the "Burgh," whose Church of S. Nicholas was assigned to him and his successors?[2]

It is perhaps *possible*, however, that the Burgh of Aberdeen may be nearly one hundred years older than Bishop Edward's time. For the Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdeen, though it may be as old, is certainly not *older* than the burgh, and the traditional date for the founding of S. Nicholas is "about

[1] Robertson, *Scottish Abbeys and Cathedrals*, pp. 34, 35. Robertson thinks that this "small basilica" was the Church of S. Regulus, which, with its tall square tower, is by no means the least striking of the ruins at S. Andrews. It is difficult, however, to believe that S. Regulus' is not older, and the work of Celtic bishops. Bishop Robert's basilica is more likely to have been the church on the spot called Kirkheugh, on the summit of the sea-cliff, just outside Prior Hepburn's precinct-wall. The foundations only of this church remain; but they are enough to show that its style was late Norman or Transitional, which suits the date of Bishop Robert: in size, moreover, though small in comparison to the splendid cathedral which was so soon to supersede it, it must have greatly surpassed the paltrier edifice (despite its loftier tower) which was left for a time in the hands of the Culdees.

[2] As Scottish burghs go, 1150 were a very respectable antiquity. "The most ancient of our burghs cannot date their privilege higher than the age of David I., the father of his people no less than of their Church. . . . With the most ancient, as well as the most important, ranks the Burgh of Aberdeen. Long before Edinburgh had acquired the precedency of a capital, or even the first place among the Four Burghs of Southern Scotland—while Glasgow was yet an insignificant dependent on its bishop—Aberdeen had taken its place as a great and independent Royal Burgh, and a port of extensive foreign trade." (Cosmo Innes, Preface to Gordon's *Description of Both Touns of Aberdeen*, x. p. viii.)

1060".[1] We have no written record, it is true, confirming the tradition; but a record in stone and lime may be quite as trustworthy and quite as unmistakable as any written document. The question is, Have we such a record in the oldest portions of S. Nicholas? Parts of it are certainly of a very early Norman type. The transepts of the original edifice remain, with alterations indeed,[2] but retaining internally some original features. They show a series of plain, round-headed, deep-splayed windows (now blocked up) and two low archways leading formerly into the nave aisles, which in their extreme severity are decidedly suggestive of a date considerably earlier than the first year of Bishop Edward, 1150; while Eysteinn's raid of 1153 affords (on the not very violent hypothesis that the Church of "Apardion" suffered with the town) a tempting explanation of certain Transitional features which are found in close juxtaposition to the Norman work—the four arches under the central tower,[3] a small window in the east side wall of the north transept, and two slender engaged shafts, with characteristic capitals, which have fortunately been retained in the sides of the Sixteenth Century window in the gable of that transept. These are unquestionably Transitional; and Eysteinn's raid took place just at the time when the transition was beginning to show itself in Scotland.[4]

[1] James Gordon, *Description of Both Touns of Aberdeen* (Spalding Club edition, 1842), p. 14.

[2] The south transept was lengthened by sixteen feet in 1355 (*Chartulary*, No. IX., vol. ii. p. 14). A large Gothic window was inserted into the north transept gable in 15^{18}_{19} (see Appendix II., vol. ii. p. 356), and in 1837 the whole exterior of the south transept was faced with dressed granite.

[3] These tower arches were carefully rebuilt, largely with the old stones, after the fire of 1874. They are shown in Sir George Reid's beautiful frontispiece to the first volume of this work.

[4] "It appears in the choir of S. Andrews Cathedral, 1162, and in the older portions of the Abbey Church of Holyrood (1174). Only 'a few faint traces of it

Still, for so large a church, so far north, it must be confessed that the date 1060, or even a date forty years later, is extremely early. It would make S. Nicholas earlier than, or contemporaneous with, the nave of Dunfermline,[1] which was built by S. Margaret (1067-1098), though it was not consecrated till 1150, and with Durham Cathedral, whose foundations were laid in 1097 in presence of her husband, Malcolm Canmore.[2] Moreover, the other Norman churches existing in the North of Scotland are all considerably later than 1060. The Priory of Monymusk, which has a very ancient-looking tower, and a Norman chancel arch, is ascribed to between 1199 and 1207.[3] Birnie Church, in Moray, has been ascribed to between 1067 and 1093, but all that we certainly know is that it cannot be later than 1184.[4] Kelso Abbey, which is Norman, was begun in 1128 and completed in 1152.[5] The Cathedral of S. Magnus at Kirkwall was founded in 1137.[6] Add to which that if we throw the *Church* of S. Nicholas back to the Eleventh Century, we must throw the *Burgh* of Aberdeen back also. Now, though Mr. Cosmo Innes admits that the English immigration to which we owe our burghs, and so much else, had "begun before" the epoch-making marriage of Malcolm Canmore with the Saxon Princess Margaret,[7] yet it would

linger' in the Abbey Church of Arbroath, founded in 1178." (Robertson, *Scottish Abbeys and Cathedrals*, p. 42.)

[1] "In the north perhaps only one (Norman) edifice—the church built by S. Margaret at Dunfermline—arose before 1100." (*Ibid.*, p. 41.) It was the first large church in Scotland.

[2] *Ibid.*

[3] Robertson, quoted by Grub, Preface to *Antiquities of the Shires of Banff and Moray*, p. xlv. The date seems to me certainly too late.

[4] See *The Church of Birnie*, Elgin, 1891, pp. 28, 29.

[5] *Scottish Abbeys and Cathedrals*, p. 35.

[6] *Ibid.*, p. 39.

[7] *Sketches of Early Scottish History*, p. 9.

require some proof more unmistakable than a few windows (which *might* be as late as 1150, though they certainly look older) to outweigh all the arguments upon the other side.

Even from the character and scale of the transepts to which these windows belong, an argument may be drawn in favour of the later rather than the earlier date. The two transepts together, as they were built—before the south transept was lengthened, in 1355—were seventy-four feet in length from north to south. Let us reflect what this implies as to the original proportions of the church of which they formed part. It must have had a nave to the west of them, and a chancel to the east of them. The nave, to be in proportion to the transepts, must have been of considerable size. There was a nave, we know, one hundred and seventeen feet in length—seventeen feet longer than the present West Church, and with its two aisles, sixty-six feet wide. That nave (it fell from neglect and old age in 1742)[1] has been described to us by those who saw it.[2] There is reason to think it was of the Romanesque or

[1] Kennedy, ii. 41.

[2] I append two such descriptions: the first, which dates from 1661, by James Gordon, Parson of Rothiemay; the second, written in 1732, by Alexander Keith, an Episcopal clergyman:—

I. "The Church, called of old, S. Nicholas' Church, is mostly builded of ashler, covered with lead; the steeple likewayes obelisk wayes, rysing up very high, covered over also with lead, doeth abundantlie supplie the low situation of the church itselff. Ther is no church so neat and beautifull to be seen in Scotland; and albeit it be past 500 yeirs since it begane to be builded, yit all thinges about it look so fyne and sound, that it seems to be bot newlie builded. Off old it was divydit into thrie distinct churches, the greatest called the Old Kirk, the secund, the New Kirk, the third, a vaulted church, called for that cause both then and now, the Ladye of Pittye her Vault. It supporteth the east end of the New Church, the floor thereoff, levelled out of the sloping churchyard, makes the doore threshold no lower than the churchyard itselfe, neither doth the arched roofe thereoff raise that pairt of the New Church bot 3 steps or greeses higher than the rest of the floor, and these so artificially contrived, that they tend to the great bewtifieing of the church above. Bothe churches above are supported with two rowes of stone pillars, having large rooms

Norman style of architecture. It was probably not all built at once: the usual way, indeed, was to begin the nave from its east end at the crossing, and to prolong it westward; this, as

behind the pillars. Ther roofs are seiled with wainscot. The Old Church began to be builded by the citizens about the year 1060, the fabrick augmented by litle and litle, and enriched with gifts dedicated therunto. There hangs in its steeple thrie great bells: thes at everie half hour, by helpe of the clocke repeat thrie perfect distinct musicall notes, *fa*, *sol*, *la*. Two of thes bells, as also the great clock, wer gifted to that church by Williame Leith of Barns, provost of Aberdeen, about the year 1313" (the *Chartulary* says, 1351, ii. p. 13). "The cheefest citizens have their proper buriall places in those churches, as some noble and gentle men have thers also, as the Lords of Forbes, first of that name, the Knights of Drum, Irwings, and the familie of Pitfoddells, Menzies's. Likewayes, that learnit man, Doctor Duncan Liddell lyes buried in the Old Church; his tombstone, covered with brass, with ane inscriptione suteable to his worth engraved therupon. The New Church was not begun to be builded till the yeer 1478, and not finished befor the yeer 1493, upon the cities charges, as the Old Kirk at first was. In the yeer 1560, it went neer to have been overthrowne, hade not the citizens taken arms and guarded it, and withstood the attempt of the congregatione lords. In our tyme, the vaulted or Low church seems for no other use bot for laying up lead and uther materialls necessarie for keeping up the fabrick of the church. At that tyme that the Pope his power was banished out of Aberdein, the utensils of both churches were valued and told by publict proclamatione, and raited at 142 pundis Scotis money; and Patrick Menzies, then the citie treasurer, made countable for them, or that rate and pryce for them, albeit some of the townsmen did protest publictlie that such money should not be brought into the commone good, and took instrument therupon. Yet afterward, the next yeer, Maij 8, they fell upon a new resolution, for to imploy that money upon publict works, and for armes and ammunition. In the tyme of poperie ther wer no less than thretty alters and alterages, to everie of which belonged sett revenues, all to be seen in thes thrie churches, each of them dedicated to a severall sanct (as thes of the Roman Church use). Bot I suppose it wold be tedious to all, and offensive to many, to sett doune ther severall names, since the least mark or footstep of any of thes alters is not extant at this tyme. Both churches, which now are parted by a wall, are adorned with galleries, pews, and desks of wainscot, both bewtifull and commodious, and severals of thame guilded. The fabrick is encompassed with a large church court, planted about with great ash trees." (*A Description of Both Touns of Aberdeen*, Spalding Club edition, 1842, pp. 14, 15.)

Gordon supplies a pictorial map of Aberdeen, accompanied by a view of the city on a somewhat larger scale, thus giving *two* representations of S. Nicholas. Both nave and choir have clerestory and side aisles, the choir aisles alone, however, showing buttresses between the windows. It is not easy to judge from the drawing, nor in such matters are any drawings of the period to be relied upon, but the impression

the extant ruins show, was what was done in the erection of the Cathedral of S. Andrews. No doubt the nave of S. Nicholas was subjected in the course of its history to many other

it conveys is that the nave was Norman and the choir Pointed or Gothic. The nave aisle is shorter than the nave, by (apparently) one bay, and terminates in a gabled porch (" the marriage door "). There is another door shown on the west side of the south transept. There was a door in the west front (see Appendix II., p. 365), but it is not in the plan. The south transept gable had no door: both gables have large traceried Gothic windows (one of them, we know, dates from 1541: the other also is probably a late insertion) and have tracery of some sort. The west gable is flanked by two pinnacled buttresses and is surmounted by a cross. The steeple, whose height is greatly exaggerated in the drawing, shows distinctly a window of *two lights*, proving, if proof were needed, that the round-headed (" Roman classical ") window, which was there in the present century, was later than 1660. The steeple has vane and weathercock. It is unquestionably the steeple which perished with its walls in the lamentable fire of 1874.

II. " Saint Nicholas' Church in Aberdeen hath eighteen hundred merks yearly rent, and the seise boll, which is a boll of all grain, coal, and salt imported to this shoar by strangers, and half a boll from townsmen. It is reckoned the finest parish church in Scotland; and having its nave divided from its choir by a stone wall, since the Reformation (which before was of wood), it is now considered as consisting of two churches; the nave or body of the church, being called the Old Church (for its date is not to be found), and the choir or chancel (which is much later), being called the New Church.

"The nave, then, of this church is sixty-six foot wide, one hundred and seventeen feet long; and has sixteen pillars, eight on each side. It is well paved with stones, many of which being laid over graves, have inscriptions; and it is furnished with stalls of oak.

"It had also thirty-one altars, namely. . . . This church has at present six galleries, or, as we call them here in Scotland, lofts: namely, those of the magistrates, taken out of the College Church here A.D. MDCC.; the College (loft ?), where is the King's seat, and of old was the Rood Loft; dyers; hammermen; taylors; weavers. It has thirty-three windows; and three doors, namely, the west, or King's door (this is not shown on the Gordon's maps); the south, or marriage door, and the north, or back door.

"Within it are eight hearses (pendant chandeliers), and pented inscriptions from Scripture on the walls, with an iron chain hanging down from the ceiling (having a globe at the end of it), which serves for a meridian line.

"This fabrick (being a cross church) has also two isles—the transepts; which isles are twenty foot broad, and (taken together), a hundred foot long.

"The one is that of the Irvins of Drum. It is leaded, and has the image and

alterations,[1] but there is no reason to think it was ever *rebuilt* till the present West Church was erected in the middle of the Eighteenth Century. It was the "body" of the original church,

tomb of Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum, who dyed A.D. MCCCC. Here (as the inscription shows) are buried Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum, Auchindore, and Forglen; and his wife Elizabeth (daughter to Sir Robert Keith, Marischal of Scotland), quho both dyed A.D. MCCCC.

"The other is west of the Collisons. This has the image and tomb of . . . Collison, provest here.

"In the two wings (aisles) of the church, which run parallel with the nave, are also some other old tombs: as of Alexander Chalmers of Murthill, provest of Aberdeen, quho dyed A.D. MCCCCXIII., as the inscription of this image here shews; west of Gilbert Menzies of Pitfoddels, provest of Aberdeen, quho dyed A.D. MCCCCXXXIII., as the inscription of his image, and west of his wife, Marjory Liddel, here shews; that of John Fyfe, provest of Aberdeen, who dyed A.D. MCCCCXXXVI.; besides that of Sir Robert Davidson, provest here, killed at Harlaw, A.D. MCCCCXI.; which is in the middle of the church, and much obscured.

"The steeple (which is a pyramide of many corners, beset with four little pinnacles) stands on four pillars, betwixt the two isles, and has in it a great knock (clock) and three bells. The bigest of these bells was gifted A.D. MCCCLI., by William Leith, provest of Aberdeen, quho had killed one Catanoch, a bailief here (whose cairn is near the bark-miln): and therfor, for an attonment, gave this bell to the church, and the Justice Milns to the town. This great bell, called Laurance, has this inscription:—

'En ego campana sonitu non lavda prophana
Lavdo Creatorem tonitivo depello timorem
Defvnctos plango sonitu solennia pango
Laurencius ecce vocor jvbilanti cvm moveo cor'.

This steeple (reckoning from the ground) is above one hundred and forty foot high. From the ground to the first globe is one hundred and twenty-eight foot; and thence to the top of the weathercock, is fourteen foot.

"The choier is sixty-four foot wide, and eighty-one foot long; and has twelve pillars, six on each side. It is well paved, and has good stalls and desks of oak. The high altar had an ascent of four steps. The place where it stood is oval, twelve foot broad, and eighteen foot long, with I. H. S. on the top. This choier has, at present, eight lofts; namely, those of the grammar school; seamen; above which of old stood the organ-loft; hammermen; wrights; taylors; shoemakers; with the two

[1] "The gawill of the pariss kyrk, callit the waist gawill, was compleitt the yeir of God 1541 yeir. Daniel Anderson, maister of wark to the stein wark of the sayme and Walter Cullen, elder, maister of wark to the glaiss wark of the sayme (Cullen's "Chronicle of Aberdeen," *Spalding Club Miscellany*, ii. p. 33.)

"our spiritual mother," the *Chartulary* calls it, "the Parish Church of Aberdeen".[1] Besides the nave and transepts,

new ones, that of the advocates, and that built by the master of Kirk-Work. It has sixteen windows, and two doors: within it are three hearses. It has also a consistory and vestry.

"This choir has underneath it a chappel, dedicated to our Lady of Pity (*Maria de Misericordia*); where a bursar of the canon law in The King's College was always chaplain. It is now called The Pitty Vault, and the plummers are allowed to melt their lead in it.

"To give something of the history of this choir:—

"It was begun to be built A.D. MCCCLXXVII., by a general contribution of the Bishop, abbot and prior [of Bon-Accord], provest and other magistrates. For this end the salmond, meat, swine, and sheep, were taxed. Thus organs, lead, three hundred and eleven stalls, and a beacon, were ordained to be provided with two suits of gold. So they went on building till A.D. MDXXXVII., and after.

"But, A.D. MDLX., we meet with a new order. The magistrates, being now become reformers, appoint two hundred pounds for their minister, Adam Heriot (of whom see Spotswood), with a black gown, coat and doublet, hose and bonnet; and the Friars' crofts are ordained to be applied to the town's profit. But Gilbert Menzies and Gilbert Collison dissented.

"A.D. MDLXII., the minister is discharged of his stipend, and the Bishop (as parson of S. Nicholas) left to sustain him.

"A.D. MDLXI., they appoint all the money collected for the silver and brass work of the church with the caps and ornaments, to be employed for the use of the Key-head, bridge of Don, and artillery of the town.

"The same year, the silver and brass work, with the caps and ornaments, being, by order of these magistrates, exposed to sale in a publick auction, and one hundred and forty-two pounds Scots being offered by Patrick Menzies for the caps, twenty-one shillings for each ounce of silver, and sixteen shillings for each stone of brass, the said Patrick Menzies is ordained to get them, and the money to be employed to the necessary adoes of the town; which accordingly were delivered; the silver amounting to sixteen score ounces, and a quarter of ounce of clean silver." (*View of the Diocese of Aberdeen* (1732), by the Rev. Alexander Keith. Spalding Club, *Collections on the Shires of Aberdeen*, pp. 205-10. For an account of the author, see Dr. Grub's Preface to *Antiquities of the Shires of Banff and Aberdeen*, pp. xxxv.-vii.)

In the hope that Gibbs, the architect of the West Church, might have preserved some sketch or plan of the ancient nave, whose ruins he removed, I asked the Rev. W. D. Macray to look over Gibbs's drawings, preserved in the Radcliffe Library at Oxford: he kindly did so, but found nothing. Ground plans of the choir (the old East Kirk), which had been prepared for seat-letting purposes, are preserved in the Town-house, Aberdeen.

[1] No. IX., *Concerning the Benefactors of the Church*.

there was from the first the chancel. We have no early literary mention, indeed, of its existence, but when the old East Kirk (the Fifteenth Century choir) was taken down in 1837, an observant antiquary, who was alive at the time, tells us that the foundations of the ancient chancel were disclosed; he describes these foundations as showing that this chancel had been aisleless, "rather more in length than either limb of the original transept" (which would make it nearly forty feet long); and he adds, what was a very likely feature in a Norman chancel, that its "eastern end was round".[1]

All this means a very large church—too large, even in design, for the Scotland of Canmore, and much more likely to belong to the reign of Alexander I. or David I.[2] (1107 to 1153). On the whole, while it is possible that the church may be a little older than 1150, it is more probable that it is the successor of the first church of the burgh; that that first church was destroyed in the Norseman's raid; and that the rebuilders, while making their new church larger than its predecessor, retained the forms of the older style—the Norman, introducing, however, here and there the Transitional features which were coming into fashion.

The Burgh itself, though it had suffered so severely, was not very old in 1157: its Church of S. Nicholas, if it was finished, must have been quite new when the Pope gave it to the Bishop of Aberdeen.

A large burgh church, dedicated to S. Nicholas, and consisting of nave with north and south aisles, transepts and apsidal chancel, in the Norman style, passing into Transitional: every detail bears witness alike to the Teutonic blood of the

[1] *Selected Writings of John Ramsay* (born 1799, died 1870), p. 207.

[2] Even supposing that Bp. Robert's basilica at S. Andrews was not S. Regulus' but Kirkheugh, it was tiny in comparison: still more so the Church of Birnie, which was the chief seat, even in David's reign, of the bishops of Moray.

citizens who built it, to their enterprise and comparatively wide intellectual horizon, to their thorough sympathy, moreover, with the ecclesiastical policy of S. Margaret and S. David.[1] The bishop may have furthered their scheme: the pious sovereigns of S. Margaret's line approved, no doubt, their munificence. But unless all local tradition is erroneous, neither the conception of the church nor its erection came from prince or prelate. The credit belongs to the burghers themselves. It is *the liberal man* that *deviseth liberal things:* their descendants in the Nineteenth Century, like their descendants in the Fifteenth, may be pardoned if they endeavour gratefully to recall to memory "their names and good works; that so from their good work and their devotion those who are to come may take example, and glorify our God, who is in the heavens, by whom all things were made, and without whom was nothing made. To whom be praise, power, dominion and glory throughout all ages. Amen."[2]

The *Chartulary* mentions an "image of S. Nicholas, situated on the south side of the High Altar, which was there from the foundation of the Church";[3] but the earliest *date* it gives is February 2, 127⅞, when, according to a charter of 1501, Richard Cementarius founded the Altar of S. John the Evangelist.[4] Cementarius means "mason"; and if we may

[1] It is remarkable how large many of the churches are in the "burghs" along the east coast of England—burghs closely akin to Aberdeen, though planted in a land which was Teutonic and in full communion with Continental Christendom many centuries prior to the foundation of the Burgh of Aberdeen. The churches were large because the minds were large of those who built them. It is curious that the largest parish church in England, that of Yarmouth, was also dedicated to S. Nicholas: no doubt for the same reason that the merchants of Aberdeen selected him, and those of Berwick, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Liverpool, Amsterdam and Hamburg, because of his kindness to sailors. (See the Mass of S. Nicholas, Appendix IV., p. 426.)

[2] No. IX., vol. ii. p. 12.

[3] This image was re-painted in 1340 by Ralph Voket, burgess. No. IX., ii. pp. 12-17.

[4] No. XXV. This charter (1501) contains a note that "no charter is held of this foundation, because after the foundation the Burgh of Aberdeen was in the hands

judge by the analogy of "Gregorius Cementarius" and "Ricardus Vitrearius"—Gregory the mason, and Richard the glazier, who appear in the Register of the Bishoprick of Moray in 1237, and who were, Mr. Cosmo Innes thinks, "without doubt persons employed in the building of Elgin Cathedral"—we may regard the Aberdeen mason as not only the earliest benefactor of the Church of S. Nicholas whose name has come down to us, but the earliest whom we can name as having actually had a hand in rearing it.

In 1340 the Altar of S. James the Apostle [1] was founded by William Strabrok, burgess of Aberdeen and laird of Foveran, "at the lower (*i.e.*, westmost) column on the north side of the nave, the same column whereon is set the carved stone for holding holy water".[2] Near it, also, "at the west end of the church on the north side," Alexander Williamson, burgess, founded in 1357 an altar in honour of Holy Cross, with a large crucifix over it called "The Brown Cross"; [3] and in the year following "Sir Andrew de Curtastone, chaplain of S. Ann, and John Fechat, burgess, who had been specially elected masters of kirk wark, and with *a view to the repair* of the building, repaired the Parish Church with a pavement of squared stones".[4] These entries may be interpreted as marking either the completion of the nave,[5] or, more probably, its restoration after some serious

of the English". The altar is mentioned so early as 1294 in the Register of the Bishoprick of Aberdeen. (See Appendix I., pp. 313, 314.)

[1] No. XXIX. (ii. p. 46). In No. IX., however, the date is given as 1401; but the dates there are in several instances demonstrably wrong.

[2] Vol. ii. p. 13.

[3] Vol. ii. p. 15. This altar must not be confounded with "The Rude Altar" on the rood-screen or organ-loft. (See Appendices, vol. ii. pp. 333, 371.)

[4] *Ibid.*

[5] In this case the history of the nave of S. Nicholas would present a somewhat close parallel to that of the Metropolitan Cathedral of S. Andrews, which was begun in 1162, in the Norman style; the western bays of the nave, which are Gothic, were

calamity. Certain it is that, just prior to these erections, a very serious calamity had befallen the city—its utter destruction in 1336 by the English.[1] The invaders, who burned the palace of the bishop and the houses of the canons at Old Aberdeen, are not likely to have spared S. Nicholas'. Anyhow the years that followed were years of much munificence on the part of the citizens towards their Parish Church. Between 1340 and 1362 no fewer than seventeen benefactions are recorded.[2] These include, besides the provision of sacred books and vessels, of vestments and images, the foundation of at least five new altars.[3] In 1350 Thomas Mersere, a burgess, adorns the Altar of S. Nicholas with a "tabernacle" or shrine for the reserved Sacrament, which is described as "situated between the images and the altar, and reaching from one end of the altar to the other," [4] as bearing, moreover, a representation of the Passion of our Lord.[5] In the absence of a Lady chapel, the south transept had been appropriated to the Altar of the

completed, it is said, in 1279, but the Cathedral was not consecrated till 1318, when the glorious victory of Bannockburn had given a breathing space of peace to the country. (*Scottish Abbeys and Cathedrals*, pp. 46, 47.)

[1] "With the death of Bruce, peace and tranquillity passed from his kingdom. Edward Baliol invaded Scotland, and a civil war raged for many years. In 1336 the English arms were again borne over the north, and another Edward of England (Edward III.) made a triumphal progress through its provinces. While he was engaged in this Thomas Rosheme, a knight in his service, landed at Dunottar and marched towards Aberdeen. The citizens sallied forth to meet him, and a conflict ensued near the Green, in which they were utterly defeated and their town given to the flames and laid in ashes." (*Book of Bon-Accord*, p. 36.)

[2] No. IX., *Concerning the Benefactors of the Church.*

[3] Those of S. James, Holy Cross, SS. Lawrence and Ninian, SS. Duthac and Bridget, and S. Katherine the Virgin.

[4] In many Scottish Churches, more particularly in Aberdeenshire, the tabernacle for the Sacrament was not above the altar, but on the north side of the chancel: in others a case for it was suspended above the altar, or in front of it.

[5] Vol. ii. p. 13.

Blessed Virgin,[1] and was called, "The Choir of the Virgin Mary, or the South Choir".[2] In 1355 this transept was lengthened sixteen feet by Provost William Leith of Barns to afford space for the altar which he founded in honour of SS. Lawrence and Ninian. It is possible that "the glass window in the south side" of the choir, gifted in 1359 by William of Merenez,[3] may have been the window of the new gable of the extended transept, but in this case, and more certainly when we read that two years earlier, in 1357, the choir was being "paved with square stones" and adorned with "outer and inner paintings"[4] (suggestive certainly of a choir screen), we seem to be dealing, not with the "Choir of Our Lady" in the transept, but with the choir of the church—a new choir or eastern limb of the cross, which is replacing the old Norman chancel, a choir intermediate alike in date and in dimensions between the original rounded apse and the extended choir[5] which became the East Kirk. All these benefactions and additions may have been part of the restoration of the church after injury in 1336. It must be confessed, however, that the *Chartulary* does not say so; while tradition gives a very different account in regard to another benefaction of this

[1] The altar of her mother, S. Ann, seems to have occupied a somewhat similar position in the north transept. Provost Davidson, who fell at Harlaw, was buried before the Altar of S. Ann: he lay, it is said, "in the middle of the kirk" and near the great arches of the steeple on the north side. Davidson's effigy now lies in the recess prepared for those of Colison and his wife, in the north wall of the north transept.

[2] See *Fragments*, A (vol. ii. p. 19), and No. XXXIII., p. 51.

[3] Vol. ii. p. 15.

[4] *Ibid.*

[5] About the same time, in the episcopate of Alexander de Kinnimund II. (1357-82), the Cathedral at Old Aberdeen was being built: the choir which that prelate left unfinished was regarded as insufficient a hundred years later, and Bishop Elphinstone rebuilt it on a grander scale. (*Transactions of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society*, 1887, p. 30.)

period (1351), "the two great bells of great price hanging in the steeple" (already the church had a central tower, and very possibly the same oaken, lead-clad spire which perished with the bells in the disastrous fire of 1874), "whereof the name of the larger is Lawrence, and that of the less, Mary".[1] According to tradition these bells were an atonement for a homicide of which Provost Leith was guilty; but of that story, too, the *Chartulary* drops no hint.

About this period, or somewhat earlier, another addition must have been made to the fabric of S. Nicholas—a chapel opening off the east side of the north transept.[2] The wide archway which gave entrance to this chapel remains in the east wall of Colison's aisle. Its Gothic form, and the fact that to make room for it the lower part of a Norman window was built up,[3] show it to be later than the transept itself; its shafts and their capitals, and indeed everything about it, bear clear witness that it is much earlier than the neighbouring remains of the great choir of the Fifteenth Century.

In the beginning of the Fifteenth Century, the demand for more altars and multiplied Masses (which were offered chiefly for the dead, the *reception* of the Sacrament by the living had become comparatively rare) was strong and steady. Under the conviction that "through pious prayers, and especially through continual celebrations of Masses, where the Son for our sins is offered to the Father, our sins are remitted, the pains of purgatory destroyed, and the souls of the dead very often liberated from them, and placed among the

[1] Vol. ii. p. 13.

[2] The *Chartulary* contains no record of its erection.

[3] The filling up is visible from the outside.

joys of Paradise,"[1] a large number of chantries were founded. The aisles and transepts of S. Nicholas' were divided up into a series of small chapels: every available nook of the church had its altar and its priest. Each burghal family of note, each trade and corporation either had, or desired to have, its own altar and its own chaplain. In 1439 there were, or might be, in S. Nicholas', besides the vicar, "chaplains to the number of thirty".[2] In this state of matters, two things became obviously necessary: there must be some provision for the regulation of the services and the discipline of the chaplains; and the church must be enlarged. Both wants were met. First the Town Council of Aberdeen, all along the guardians and patrons of S. Nicholas', on the 5th October, 1449, "consentit and concludit that alsweil the feit chaplaynis and fest chaplaynis"—both those hired from year to year or for special duty, and those endowed—"sal be Rewlit and governyt and trespassours correct be the sight of the alderman and counsale aforesaid, or ell the agaynstandaris of this statute sal noght be maynetnyt be the maisters".[3] Then the ecclesiastical authorities also interpose. Bishop Ingeram de Lyndesay (1441-1459), an admirable prelate whom

[1] No. XCIV. (vol. ii. p. 152). The granter of this charter, William Cowpar, one of the chaplains, endows, on the grounds aforesaid, "a daily mass, called the Third Mass," for the health of his soul, and specified souls departed, at the Altar of SS. Thomas and George. The date of the charter is 1538, but the views expressed in it were held quite as distinctly a century earlier.

[2] No. LXIII. (vol. ii. p. 102). The charter repeating towards its close "the number of thirty," adds a clause "if there are as many"; but again it contemplates even a larger number, for it speaks of "thirty priests elected as above out of those who are more often and more regularly present in choir at the canonical hours"—which apparently were apt to be neglected. The charter calls the church simply "the Parish Church," and the chaplains simply "the chaplains"—not as yet "the chaplains of the choir" or "the chaplains of the college". Moreover, all the altars mentioned, those of Holy Cross, S. Mary, S. Michael, and S. Ann, were either in the nave or the transepts.

[3] Records of the Town Council of Aberdeen: printed in Appendix II. (vol. ii. p. 327).

we find at Old Aberdeen engaged in the kindred task of amending the constitution of his chapter and making rules (1456) for the conduct of the Cathedral services,[1] appears in the *Chartulary of S. Nicholas* giving to the chaplains of that church also an "Information respecting Divine Worship, and their administration thereof".[2] They are to meet in chapter every Saturday at nine o'clock, under the presidency of the Vicar (or, in his absence, of the Curate) and are to draw up a table of the services in S. Nicholas' for the week, in which shall be set down both the service that is to be ministered and the name of him who is to minister the same. They are to note, and correct faults. The Bishop makes special provision for the Public Service of the Church, with which the more gainful Private Masses seem too likely to come into competition: "on Sundays and festivals, when the Church service is to be performed with music, whether at matins, high mass, or vespers, all chaplains shall enter the choir with clean surplices, in honour of God and of the Church". This *Informatio* is nothing less than the constituting of S. Nicholas' a Collegiate Church,[3] according to the fashion of the day—a fashion than which perhaps nothing better has ever been devised for meeting the varied spiritual needs of a town.[4] It remained as before a Parish Church, but henceforth

[1] *Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. ii. 70-85.

[2] No. CXXII. (vol. ii. 322-324). The *Informatio* is not dated.

[3] In the right sense of the term. Since the Reformation a Parish Church has been called in Scotland "Collegiate" where *two* ministers are associated on equal terms, but this is a misnomer: to quote a not infrequent remark of the late Dr. Grub, it takes at least three to make a College: *Tres faciunt collegium*. Moreover, the modern arrangement has seldom been found to work well.

[4] It must be confessed that the best use was not always made of those "Colleges"; but that might have been amended without destroying them. About thirty-eight Collegiate Churches existed in Scotland prior to the Reformation, of which the earliest was Dunbar (founded in 1342) and the latest Biggar (1545). See Dr. Laing, *Registrum Domûs de Soltre*, and Dr. Cramond, *The Church and Churchyard of Cullen*.

its clergy were an organised body, the "College of the Chaplains," or "the Chaplains of the Choir" of S. Nicholas—of the *choir* because though S. Nicholas' was a church wherein the citizens had their part in the choir and the chaplains officiated at many altars in the nave, yet it was in the choir that the chaplains ministered daily as a body.

We have seen that so early as 1157 the Church of S. Nicholas was given to the Bishop of Aberdeen; for nearly four centuries the bishops of that see were parsons (rectors) of S. Nicholas, discharging their duty in the parish by a vicar, who again was sometimes represented by a curate: in 1540, however, on the 28th of March, Bishop William Gordon, with consent of the dean and chapter, gave the vicarage, with all its fruits and revenues, to the College of the Chaplains of S. Nicholas and their successors for the sustentation of a provost to serve perpetually in the said Church, which thenceforth was to be called (like other Collegiate Churches) a Provostry.[1]

Thus was the discipline of the clergy of S. Nicholas' provided for. About the same time the other need above referred to—the enlargement of the fabric—was taken up. So early as 1445, Andrew of Cwlane, burgess of Aberdeen, gave certain annual rents to the Church of Aberdeen for "ane altar to be mad in the north yill of Our Ladye of Pyte".[2] The north aisle of Our Lady of Pity is what we may call the north transept of the Lower Church, now part of S. Mary's Chapel, and

[1] Appendix II., p. 381. See also No. CXXI. In a note appended to the Translation of that charter (vol. ii. p. 221), I have made a mistake as to the day of the month, the 25th instead of the 28th March. Kennedy thinks that the change may have been due to those discussions which in 1537 led to the dismissal of all the cantors in the choir, or to the Reformation making its appearance in the North. This is doubtful, and CXXI. is evidence that he is wrong when he adds "it does not appear that that appointment ever took place". (*Annals of Aberdeen*, ii. 44, 45.)

[2] Appendix III. (vol. ii. p. 326).

containing the Parish Library of the East Church. It is scarcely possible that there was in the older choir an aisled *chapel* with this dedication;[1] nor is there any reason to think that the Lower Church had been begun so early as 1445; but evidently there was already the intention to extend the choir, and in any extension a Lower Church must have been contemplated. For the ground at the east end of the then existing choir sloped rapidly towards what is now S. Nicholas Street, but was in those days the deep "den" of the "torrent" or burn which drove the "Mill of Aberdeen," and carried the surplus waters of the Loch[2] into the estuary of the Dee. Both transepts of the Church had been in different ways extended—the south transept lengthened, the north transept enlarged by an eastern chapel; perhaps, as we have seen, the Norman chancel had given place to a somewhat ampler Gothic choir, possibly with aisles. But even so the choir was insufficient: the only thing to be done was to pull it down, and erect—as at Glasgow Cathedral they had done on a far more magnificent scale in the preceding century—a new choir, whose eastern end should be supported by what the *Chartulary* and our older writers correctly designate, not a crypt, but "the Lower Church". This, as we have seen, had been resolved on in 1445: in 1449, the Town Council, with consent of the merchants of the burgh, ordained that every merchant sending goods to Bruges should give, in honour of God and S. Nicholas, four groats for every sack of wool, four groats for each parcel of skins, one groat for each barrel (of kippered fish, or pork), one groat for each "dacre" of hides,

[1] I was inclined at one time to take the view of a similar dedication earlier, but it is not a mere altar, but an *aisled chapel* that the entry in the Town Council Register demands.

[2] The site of the Loch is commemorated in "Loch Street," that of the Mill in "Flourmill Brae".

to be expended "on the reparatione of the Pariss Kirk of Sanct Nicolace". For the same purpose one penny a barrel was exacted for every barrel exported to the Firth (of Forth), or any other place.[1] We hear something of a purchase of lead for the Church in 1474,[2] but apparently the raising of the money necessary for the extension was proceeding rather slowly, till the bishop, Thomas Spens, the successor of Ingeram de Lyndesay, and no less diligent than he in promoting good works, came forward with an offer of the "second teind" of the parish for the building of the choir.[3] The bishop's generosity evoked from the city a liberal response: on the 14th April, 1477, he received a cordial vote of thanks, and "the alderman, consale, and communitie, grantit to the biging of the qveyr all fees of alderman, bailzeis, dene of gilde, Abbot, and prior[4] of this burgh, with the common gude and all vtheris proffitis that may be gottin for sevyn yeris to cum, and mare gif needs be".[5] In October, 1477, seventy pounds a year were set aside from the town's fishings in Don and Dee for the same purpose, "ay and quhil the said qweyr be fullely bigit and complete".[6] The work was now a matter in which the citizens were deeply interested, and there was a corresponding feeling of indignation

[1] Appendix II., p. 327.

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 332.

[3] November 6, 1481, vol. ii., Appendix II., 335. Spens was Bishop of Aberdeen from 1459-1480. He confirmed Bp. Lyndesay's *Information* to the Chaplains. No. CXXII.

[4] The "Abbot and Prior of this burgh" were not ecclesiastical persons—there were no monks, and no abbot, in the burgh. The personages here referred to were the Abbot and Prior of Bon-Accord—the masters of the city's revels for the year, like the boy-bishop in other places.

[5] Vol. ii., Appendix II., p. 333.

[6] *Ibid.* The arms of Alexander of Chalmyr, who was alderman in 1478, and "upper and principal master of work for the biging of Sanct Nicolace queyr for twa yeris to come," appear on the boss in the groined roof of the south aisle of the Lower Church, now the vestry of the East Church.

when, on the death of Bp. Spens, his successor, Robert Blacader, "elect and confirmat of Aberdeen," but not yet consecrated, withdrew the gift of the second tithes which his predecessor had bestowed. The citizens were so angry that they "decretit, deliuerit, and ordinyt that nane nychtbur dwelland within the said burgh sal mak na seruias to the said Robert elect na yet to nane of his factors on his behalf".[1] How far this "boycotting" was carried, and what its effect was, we are not told. In less than three years Blacader was translated to Glasgow, of which he was the first Archbishop, and where he distinguished himself as a munificent church builder. He built in his new Cathedral the rood-loft, the stairs of the great crypt, and also the crypt which bears his name on the south end of the south transept. Blacader was succeeded at Aberdeen by the greatest and most munificent of all its prelates, William Elphinstone. His vigorous rule soon made itself felt in S. Nicholas', as elsewhere. In 1491, certain new statutes for the supplying, augmenting, and upholding of God's service were agreed on by the curate and chaplains. At that time there were twenty-two chaplains, David Waus, Vicar of Banff, being curate.[2] The next entry in the *Chartulary*, when Thomas Chalmers is curate, but undated, records a statute of Bp. Elphinstone's that "in all time coming there shall be in the said college (of S. Nicholas) but the number of sixteen brethren, singers, and men able for the keeping up of the service of God, and no more".[3] In 1498, the new choir was so far finished that, on the 24th of September, "the act of the Dedication of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of this burgh was solemnly celebrated" by Bp. Elphinstone,[4]

[1] Vol. ii., Appendix II., p. 335.

[2] No. CXXIV. (vol. ii. pp. 226-230).

[3] No. CXXV. (vol. ii. p. 231).

[4] The Office employed may have been that preserved in the Breviary of Aberdeen.

and Provost Alexander Menzies, in honour of the occasion, founded "a lamp hanging at the High Altar before the venerable Sacrament to remain in all time coming, night and day, for his soul and the souls of his parents, predecessors, and successors ".[1] There was, however, a great deal yet to do towards the due furnishing of the choir. Stalls, thirty-four in number, with a new chancel door, had been ordered from John Fendour, wright; they were begun in December, 1507, and were ordered to be ready by Lammas, or, at latest, by Michaelmas, 1508.[2] These stalls, which were provided with canopies and "spires," and a "chanslar door,"[3] were, no doubt, as handsome as those which are the glory of the interior of King's College Chapel, Old Aberdeen: they may even have been the work of the same "wright," for they are of the same period, and some of the panels which remain[4] are exactly similar both in design and

[1] No. CIX. There is some ground for doubting the exact year. Kennedy gives it as 1508, and (*Annals*, ii. p. 43) refers to the Council Register, xliv. p. 50, xlv. 128, xlvi. 490. But in 1508, Gilbert Menzies, not Alexander, was Provost (Kennedy, *Annals*, ii. 232). On the other hand, in 1498, John Rutherford was Provost—he held the office from 1496 to 1501, when he was succeeded by Alexander Menzies. who held it to 1504. The lamp was certainly founded by Alexander Menzies; the foundation charter is given in the *Chartulary* in full (No. XLII., vol. ii. pp. 67-70). It is attested at Edinburgh in 1503, at which date Alexander Menzies is designated Provost of Aberdeen, but it was *executed* at Aberdeen, 2nd July, 1500, at which time he is simply "burgess of Aberdeen". The scribe of No. CIX. has fallen into the mistake of antedating Menzies' Provostship, but he may be quite right as to the date of the dedication.

[2] Vol. ii., Appendix II., p. 346. Michaelmas is the 29th September. The fact that the stalls were to be ready by this date goes so far to confirm Kennedy's date for the Dedication of the Choir. But may not the *Choir-Stalls* have been dedicated when they were ready? It is the dedication of the *Parish Church* which the *Chartulary* says took place in 1498.

[3] Vol. ii., Appendix II., p. 346.

[4] There are three such panels in the vestry of the East Church, and twelve in the preacher's and clerk's desks in S. Mary's Chapel, with some fragments also of a cornice in the same style. A solitary fragment of the perforated canopies belonged

workmanship to those in King's College, though they are somewhat larger. This splendid addition to the magnificence of the church was by no means the last gift to it before the crash of the Reformation. In 1514—the year of Flodden—the "provost, bailzeis, counsaile, and communitie maid and divisit" further statutes "for the reformacioun of certane necessar thingis to be had in thar Moder Kirk to the honour and fre loving of God Almighty, the blissid Virgin, and thar glorious patrone, Sanct Nicholace". They enumerate specially "sang bukis for an queir chantour, cappis (copes) frontallis, towalis of the Hie Altar, forclathis, chandeliers of brass, lecterns of brass,"[1] etc., and ordered as before a contribution from all vessels trading with Flanders or Zealand, from all who are made burgesses of guild, and from all asking licence to "saile in merchanice to any partis".[2] In October, 1518, Sir John Cuming is the Council's "choristar and player on thair organs":[3] in the following January, the masters of kirk-wark are ordained to translate the Council's font (for holy water), and passage to the rood-loft, and to build up S. Michael's door—a round-headed Norman doorway, of which traces may still be seen in the west end of the gable of the north transept, and to "mak a fair wyndo in that gavil of thair croce kirk,"[4] no doubt, the late-Gothic window which, to this day, lights Colison's Aisle. This window is not very beautiful—it is far inferior to its somewhat younger sister

to the late eminent antiquary, Dr. John Stuart, and is now in possession of his son-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Woodward, Montrose, who assures me that it is at least as fine as anything at King's College.

[1] The choir possessed a massive brass lectern, the book-rest of which was supported by the figure of a pelican feeding its young with its blood. It weighed 520 lbs. See Bain's *Merchant and Craft Guilds of Aberdeen*, p. 66.

[2] Vol. ii., Appendix II., pp. 349, 350.

[3] *Ibid.*, 352.

[4] *Ibid.*

in Greyfriars Church; but it is very interesting. Two Transitional engaged columns, which had formerly adorned two narrow round-headed windows, are retained; they, like the rest of the stonework in the Aisle, are freestone; but the arch, at this time inserted above them, is of granite, a material which had already been employed both in the piers and vaulting of S. Mary's Chapel, and in Bishop Lichton's (1423-1460) work in the Cathedral of S. Machar. As a whole, however, the new choir, like the old nave and transepts, like the present West Church, like the churches of the Grey Friars and the Carmelites,[1] and like the Chapel of King's College, was built of freestone.[2]

An interesting altar, which found accommodation apparently in a chapel in the north aisle of the choir, and was perhaps the latest erected in the church, was founded in 1520 by John Arthur, burgess of Aberdeen—the Altar of the Name of Jesus.[3] This particular devotion had been fostered in the North by Bp. Elphinstone's importation of the Feast with its Mass and Office.[4] In other respects also Arthur appears to have been a layman quite after the mind of Bp. Elphinstone, intelligent, devout, perfectly loyal to Rome, yet, under a profound impression that the Church needed a learned clergy, fostering those influences which prepared the way for the Reformation. He presented to the chaplains (1505) "six volumes of the books of that excellent doctor, Nicholas de Lyra".[5]

By the time the new choir had been completed, the ancient nave was in need of repair. In 1537, "the west gable door of the church" is to be taken down and rebuilt "with the readiest

[1] See vol. ii. p. 141. Note.

[2] From Covesea, in Moray. (Kennedy, *Annals*, ii. p. 42.)

[3] No. LXXVIII.

[4] See Appendix IV.

[5] No. XLIII.

stones belonging to the church, and the readiest money the master of kirk-wark can lay his hands on.[1] This led to the renewal of the whole west front, and the insertion of a large west window: nor was it till 1541 that this alteration was completed.[2] Less important repairs were the renovation of the painting which adorned the Altars of S. James[3] and S. John Baptist,[4] and the mending of certain windows.[5] In 1546 the Council sent to S. Andrews for a plumber "to reform and mend the falts of thair Kirk"[6]—presumably in the lead-work of the roof.

The relations between the clergy and the Council had not been invariably happy. Something must have happened—either a crime committed in the church, such as that which a few years ago gave a pause to the services in S. Paul's Cathedral, or a "strike" among the chaplains—for on the 16th March, 152$\frac{4}{5}$, the magistrates complain that their "kirk had stand lang desolate of diuyne service": the "holy time of Pasche" (Easter) was approaching; yet the bishop—good Bp. Gavin Dunbar—was in no hurry to come to their relief. Wherefore the Council send Thomas Menzies of Pitfoddels with an escort of three horse to "my lord of Aberdeen," praying him, as he was not coming himself, to grant a commission to some other bishop to "reconcile the said kirk".[7] In the same year, a little later, we find that Bp. Dunbar had complained to the King of "syndry strangearis and otheris within his diocesy

[1] Appendix II.

[2] "The Chronicle of Aberdeen," *Miscellany of the Spalding Club*, ii. p. 33.

[3] Appendix II.

[4] *Ibid.*, p. 367.

[5] *Ibid.*

[6] *Ibid.*, p. 368.

[7] *Ibid.*, p. 357.

of Aberdeene" that "has bukis of that heretik Luthyr and favoris his arrorys and fals opinionys". The King wrote to the Town Council on the subject: his letter is engrossed, but no decision of Council is recorded.[1] In 1543, at the request of the Regent Arran "who was at that time inclined to the Reformed opinions and had two friars to preach to his own household,"[2] Friars John Roger and Walter Thomsoun received from the Council honest sustenance, shelter, and pay "for their leill and trew lawtaful service to be done in preching and teching of the trew vord of God, and thair daylie prearis for the estait of the lord governour's grace, the commone weill of this realme, and of this guid towne".

These are indications of the coming change, but it is not till the 16th of June, 1559,[3] that we find any sign of serious alarm on the part of the Aberdeen clergy. On the 2nd of May, John Knox had landed at Leith: on the 10th he preached at Perth; on the 11th, "the rascal multitude," fired by his sermon, sacked the convents of the Black and Grey Friars and of the Carthusian Monks in the Fair City; and "the fiery besom" went forth to destroy many of the noblest fanes in Scotland. "Among the churches that were wrecked or defaced while the iconoclastic fever lasted were those of S. Andrews, Edinburgh, Dunblane, Dunkeld, Dunfermline, Arbroath, Kelso, Kilwinning, Lesmahago, Lindores, Perth, Balmerino, Cupar, Crossraguel, Paisley, Stirling, Cambuskenneth, S. Ninians, and Scone."[4] No wonder that the chaplains

[1] *Burgh Records of Aberdeen*, i. 110. In 1530, 1533, and 1546, however, we find some tokens of zeal: a fine inflicted on a man who despised the sanctity of the church door, an order that the tribute of wax must be paid at Yule "in honour of God, Our Lady, and S. Nicholas"; and an injunction to the people to pay to the vicar their Easter "duty, conform to the auld lovable use of this guid toun". (*Ibid.*, Pref., xxix.)

[2] *Ibid.*

[3] Appendix II., vol. ii. p. 371.

[4] Skelton, *Maitland of Lethington*, i. 232.

of S. Nicholas, when they were "surely advertised, and it was notoriously known that certain persons in the south parts of Scotland had enterprised at their own hands, without any order or consent of the authority, to destroy kirks, religious places, and the order and policy of the same," thought it needful to ask the magistrates to "provide for the defence and maintenance of their Parish Church, and meanwhile to put in sure keeping" the church plate and ornaments, "till the said uproar and tumult are put to tranquillitie by the antient and wyse counsell of the realme". Whereupon the Town Council "thocht it expedient to transport the toun's evidents forth of the kirk"—that is how the *Chartulary* came to be in the Town-house—"and sicklik the great eucharist, chalices, silver work, and most costly ornaments of the church". An inventory was made of them;[1] and the chaplains are to get them back again "when the provost, bailzies, and counsell thinks expedient the same be done". It does not appear that the chaplains' fears were realised: the storm swept southward and not northward. Things at Aberdeen seemed quiet enough; and on the 22nd of November we have one more pre-Reformation order for the repair of S. Nicholas'. Gilbert Colison, master of kirk-wark, is to "mend and reform the kirk wyndois, and the leid thak of the kirk, and to find some remeid to uphold the ruff of the northt yll with propis and scultis for this wynter sessoun, quhill fair wedder cum, to mend the samyn".[2] They could discern the face of the sky, but they could not discern the signs of the times.[3]

The Church of S. Nicholas at this period was certainly one of the largest and noblest of Scottish parish churches. If it

[1] Appendix II.

[2] *Burgh Records*, Spalding Club, i. 325.

[3] S. Matt. xvi. 3.

lacked the rich side chapels, doubled aisles, and groined vaulting which impart such wonderful variety and grandeur to the interior of S. Giles' at Edinburgh ; if its basket windows are plain indeed beside the intricate yet flowing tracery of S. Michael's at Linlithgow ; if its wooden lead-clad spire would not compare with the graceful lanterns which crowned the towers of these stately churches ; yet it was longer from end to end than either of them ; its nave and transepts were much more ancient, and their dignified simplicity of style had perhaps a charm which is lacking in the somewhat coarse though sumptuous details of these two churches. It had, what they had not, a "Lower Church" ; and neither of them could have boasted better wood-work than the massive rood-loft to which Alexander Williamson contributed the "outer and inner painting," or the thirty-four stalls which Aberdeen craftsmen wrought for the new choir. Moreover, those great southern churches basked in the sunshine of Royalty. They were adorned and enlarged by kings and princes. The Church of S. Nicholas, from its first founding to the Reformation, and from the Reformation to the present day, was the fruit exclusively of burghal liberality. No king, no prince, only one prelate, and only one peer,[1] are recorded among its benefactors. Yet it could bear comparison, in point of size, in the beauty of its furnishings, and in the multitude of its ministers, with even the larger of our Cathedrals. The nave, which had eight pillars on either side, was, as we have seen, 117 feet long by 66 feet wide, the transept 100 feet from north to south by 24 feet across ; the new choir, of five bays, was 86 feet long by 64 feet wide, while east of the choir, spanned by a pointed arch whose copestone soared to a height of 40 feet above the floor, an apse, 20 feet wide, lighted by three tall windows of

[1] Bishop Thomas Spens and William, 3rd Lord Forbes. See *Fragments*, B, vol. ii. p. 21.

three lights each, extended 18 feet further east; so that the Church had a total length of 245 feet.[1] The effect of this great length must have been vastly enhanced by the comparative lowness of the roof, the highest point of which, even in the choir, was no more than 60 feet, and by the narrowness of the space between the pillars, only 22 feet.[2] In the apse—or triangle as it is called—probably at its eastern extremity, the Town Council (9th September, 1502) allowed Mr. Walter Leslie, Parson of Menmuir, "to build and found an Altar of SS. Mungo and Tovine":[3] the High Altar no doubt stood considerably further forward; in line, perhaps, with the two eastmost pillars of the choir, so that there could be a passage behind it, as well as in front of it. The pillars of the choir (with the exception of those at the entrance from the transepts, which were polygonal[4]) were—like those of the somewhat earlier nave of Aberdeen Cathedral—plain rounds, but the capitals of all were adorned not merely with mouldings but with sculpture—leaves and fruit.[5] The choir aisles, which, like those of the nave, were

[1] The Cathedral of S. Andrews was 358 feet long; Glasgow, 283; Elgin, 282; but Kirkwall and Aberdeen, which came next in size, measuring respectively 218 and 200 feet, were both shorter than S. Nicholas'.

[2] See some interesting remarks on this narrowness, which is a character of our Gothic architecture, in Mr. Kelly's article, "Some Ancient Country Churches near Aberdeen," *Transactions of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society*, 1886, pp. 26-33.

[3] Appendix. II. S. Mungo is, of course, S. Kentigern, the founder and patron saint of Glasgow. S. Tovine may be S. Thenew, his mother, whose name at Glasgow has been so strangely altered into S. Enoch; or perhaps S. Adamnan, Abbot of Iona, the biographer of S. Columba. At Forglen, on the Deveron, S. Adamnan was known as S. Teunan. (Bp. A. P. Forbes, *Kalendars of Scottish Saints*, p. 366.)

[4] Considerable remains of these exist in the east wall of the transept. One of the capitals shows the grape-vine well, though conventionally, treated. They are illustrated in Mr. A. Walker's monograph on S. Nicholas'.

[5] A solitary segment of a capital of one of the round pillars was found after the fire of 1874 by Mr. William Smith, architect, and, on the last occasion on which

wide in proportion to the central division, showed like the Cathedral on the Don a range of basket-traceried windows with buttresses between. The roofs throughout, except the Lower Church (S. Mary's Chapel) which presents the only old example of stone vaulting Aberdeenshire can boast of, were timbered, that of the choir resembling the almost contemporaneous ceiling of King's College Chapel, Old Aberdeen.[1] Off the north aisle of the choir was the chapter-house, a building of two storeys.

Amid all this material splendour the influence of the unreformed clergy was growing daily weaker. They do not seem to have taught the people; their pecuniary exactions, we know, were oppressive; and though we cannot affix to the chaplains of S. Nicholas the stigma of licentiousness which attaches to so many of the higher clergy and very specially to the last Roman Catholic Bishop of Aberdeen (William Gordon, 1541-1577), and though there are traces in the *Chartulary* of personal piety in the chaplains as well as in the laity, yet in Aberdeen, where the Roman Catholic party was supposed to be specially strong, not the Friars only, but the citizens' "own priests," seem to have lost altogether their hold upon their flock. Beyond doubt the Church needed reformation.

Yet, as Sir Walter Scott has pointed out, "the Reform" which came "might have been as pure" though it had left us "mair Christian-like kirks".[2] The immediate heralds of the

he was able to be within the church's walls, it was deposited by him in Colison's Aisle. The intertwined leaves carved on it have been copied unmistakably from originals in some "kail-yard".

[1] An excellent view of the interior of the choir, taken after the pews and galleries had been removed, is given in the *Book of Bon-Accord*. An exterior view will be found in the *Selected Writings of John Ramsay*, p. 205.

[2] *Rob Roy*, chap. xix.

Reformation whom we see in Aberdeen—no doubt there were many quiet workers of a different sort, sowing unseen the seeds of spiritual faith—were a lawless band of spoilers and destroyers. On the 29th December, 1559, Provost Thomas Menzies gave warning[1] to the burgesses that certain men of Mearns and Angus "convenit in congregation ar to be in this toun this present day to cast downe the kirks and religious places[2] thairof, under colour and pretence of godlie reformation".[3] The Provost protested, but got small encouragement from his colleagues; and on the 4th of January the spoilers came. Baillie David Mar explained to the citizens assembled in head court that the strangers had plundered the Dominican and Franciscan convents, and were now in the act of unroofing their churches. The court interpose indeed to "preserve the timber, slates, and stones," but it is to apply them to "the common warkis of the toune for the commond good," while all the possessions that belonged to the said friars are taken "to be applied to the commond weill of the toune, and specially for the furthsettin of God's glory, and His trew word and preachours thereof, and that the toune may be the more habill to concur and assist for the defence of the liberty of the realme, expelling of strangers, and expelling of idolatrie".[4] Four days later, on the 8th of January, four persons are appointed to receive and keep the chalices, silver work, and ornaments of

[1] Appendix II., p. 373. *Cf. Burgh Records*, ii. pp. 325, 6.

[2] *Place* was the understood name of a Convent of Friars.

[3] The good Provost has anticipated Hudibras:—

"Call fire and sword and desolation
A godly thorough reformation".

[4] In the Council Register the date is 4th January, 1559, but it was really 1560: the year in those days did not begin till the 25th of March. The not observing this has quite inverted the story of the Reformation in Aberdeen as told in the pages of the old Spalding Club edition of the *Burgh Records*. The true order of events is given, though in abridged extracts, in Appendix II. to the present vol., pp. 372 *seq*.

S. Nicholas' until such time as it is determined how they are to be disposed of. They were sold by public roup[1] on the 26th of January, $156\frac{1}{2}$, by which time the Reformation (professed in the head court of Aberdeen the year before) had been established by Act of Parliament. The money was devoted to repairs on the harbour, and the Bridge of Don. The latter had been built originally, it is said, with the sequestrated revenues of a Bishop of Aberdeen (Henry Cheyne, *circ.* 1328): bridge-building was regarded in public sentiment as a work of piety, so that there would be little conscience of sacrilege in regard to the disposal of the money, however much might be committed in the use made of the eucharistic vessels by those who purchased them. Presently the altars, with their "backs" or reredoses, were removed: in 1574 there is a payment by the baillies of 13s. 6d. to John Craik for sawing away (alas!) the forepart of the stalls in the choir:[2] the pynors, or street porters, are paid for removing them to "the body of the kirk and cheptour"; and "Sir John Black" receives 30s. for taking out the pipes of the organs[3] and packing them also for sale, if any one will buy them.

In 1596 (four years after the Act of Parliament called the Charter of Presbytery), the Provost, Baillies, and Council of "Aberdeen ordanit the haill carved tymmer-wark betwixt the pillars in the queir to be removit and placit conveniently where the same salbe thocht meit to be placed, to the effect that ane stane wall may be biggit betwixt the said queir and the bodie of the kirk that the said queir may be *maid ane preaching kirk* for preaching of the Word of God and ministration of the Sacraments with all convenient speid according to the ordinance of the haill toun, maid obefoir ordaining the queir to

[1] Appendix II. [2] Appendix III., p. 384.
[3] *Ibid.*, p. 385.

be divydit fra the kirk and maid ane new kirk to the effect foresaid ".[1]

None of the chaplains seem to have officiated as ministers of the reformed Church. The obits of several are noted in Walter Cullen's curious *Chronicle of Aberdeen*. John Colison, the last pre-Reformation vicar, demitted 26th June, 1577, in favour of the said Walter Cullen, "his eyme and reader of Aberdeen," whereupon Bishop Gordon, the Romanist prelate still surviving, gave the Protestant "reader" "collacioun be the ryng on his finger". Colison died 25th July, 1584.[2]

Here my story must take end. There is much of interest, architectural, historical, and theological, in the annals of the now divided church. The process of fitting up both the nave, or Old Church, and the choir, or New Church, for the Reformed worship was found to afford to liberal-minded men no little scope for taste and munificence. Especially in that period of prosperity and learning which Aberdeen enjoyed under James VI. and Charles I. in the first forty years of the Seventeenth Century—a period adorned in our neighbourhood by the poetry of Arthur Johnston, the painting of Jameson, "the Scottish Vandyke," and by architectural works of the high merit of Fyvie Castle and Castle Fraser—did the reviving love for the beauty of the house of God find exercise in the adorning of the "Mother Church" of the provincial capital. There were now no altars, but the seats erected by the citizens were elaborately carved and delicately painted,[3] the Creed,[4] sentences of Holy

[1] Appendix III., p. 380.

[2] *Miscellany of the Spalding Club*, ii. pp. 45, 56.

[3] The painting of the wood-work, preserved by Logan and exhibited in our illustrations, was a fashion borrowed from Holland, where similar examples may still be seen, especially at Middelburg, a city closely connected at this period with Aberdeen. I have found traces of vermillion on several of the carved panels in S. Mary's Chapel.

[4] Appendix III., p. 391.

Scripture,[1] and even floral devices adorned the walls: a tablet in the Town-house makes mention of a present of eleven ells of green cloth for S. Nicholas' Kirk: silver vessels were again bestowed for the ministration of the Holy Communion, and brass hearses or chandeliers for the lighting of the church. It is in this century that it finds a poet to celebrate its beauties:—

"Sant Nicolas' stately structure here doth stand,
No paroch kirk can match't in all the land;
Our architectors, most worthy of renown,
Did build this church for to decore the town;
And that God's worship might be in it raist;
Should not their virtuous paines be highly praist,
Who such a splendid fabrick did erect?
No Momus eye can blame its architect,
With all the ornaments fit to decore
A temple where our God we should adore
In sp'rit and truth; with fear and trembling we
Should worship Him within His Sanctuarie;
It hath, of real and of casual rent,
Enough it to maintain, if rightly spent;
Then, let its masters in succeeding ages
Bestow its rents, and not be sacrilegious,
And since we praise those who this work did found
And raised it up even from the gravely ground,
Let all succeeding ages mind that we
Deserve some praise by our posteritie."[2]

Numerous "mortifications" were made for the support of Divine ordinances, the relief of the poor, and the education of the young.[3] Then too was added a glory unsurpassed at any former or at any later period. The clergy of S. Nicholas' between 1560 and 1640 include names among the most illustrious in the eccle-

[1] Appendix III., p. 393.

[2] These lines were "an inscription, of date 1672, which was placed on the wall of the old nave, and is fortunately preserved in Monteith's *Theatre of Mortality*". (John Ramsay, p. 218.)

[3] See *Statement of the Funds of the General Kirk Session of S. Nicholas.* Aberdeen, 1848.

siastical history of Scotland—John Craig, as a Reformer second only to John Knox, and probably before him as a scholar and divine; Robert Baron, Sibbald, and Ross, three of the "Aberdeen Doctors," who answered the arguments if they could not resist the swords of the Covenanters; Andrew Cant, the "Apostle of the Covenant," the fieriest of ecclesiastical demagogues; and above all, Dr. William Forbes, afterwards first Bishop of Edinburgh, the author of *Considerationes Modestæ*, a divine of European reputation and as holy as he was learned.

That was the great period of the history of S. Nicholas': if I am debarred from expatiating on its glories, I am spared the detail of its disasters, when the Covenanters of 1640 nipped as with a killing frost the fairest promise of a native school of Theology that Scotland has ever seen. There was again some measure of revival after the Restoration. It showed itself alike in gifts to the fabric—it was at this time that the tapestries of Mary Jameson,[1] which form so unique and interesting an ornament of the West Church, were purchased for the church by the Town Council (1686). In the pulpit, George Garden, the friend of Scougal, was no unworthy successor of Baron and of Forbes. But again there came a blight—the Revolution of 1688: the ministers were deprived, and a very large proportion of the congregation went out with them. The churches after this were miserably filled, and there were no ministers of note, till Culloden, and the penal laws which followed, reduced the Scottish Nonjurors to "the shadow of a shade,"[2] and the rise of Moderatism began to present Presbyterianism in a light which, whether better or worse, was more acceptable to the folk of Aberdeen. Dr. George Campbell, of the *Essay*

[1] For an account of them, see *Transactions of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society*, 1890, pp. 2-5.

[2] *Guy Mannering*, chap. xxxvii.

on Miracles, and Dr. Alexander Gerard, of the *Pastoral Care*, who were colleagues in S. Nicholas' in 1758, were men whose character and talents commended their views to several generations of Northern ministers. Again there was an outflow of liberality towards S. Nicholas'. The Old Church, or nave, neglected after the Revolution, and possibly not needed, became ruinous, and was abandoned in 1732. The lead was afterwards stripped from its roof, some of its carved seats were removed to the East Kirk (as the "New Church" was now beginning to be called) and others to Greyfriars, where the congregation worshipped: in 1742 the ancient columns bowed and fell, and though in 1746 the building could still serve the Duke of Cumberland, who was pursuing the retreating Jacobites, as a magazine for his cavalry's provender, it is spoken of as "quite ruinous". It remained in ruins till 1751, when the magistrates, who had already obtained "gratuitously" a plan for a new church from a distinguished Aberdonian, James Gibb,[1] of London, the first British architect of his day, contracted for the erection of the present West Church, which was opened for public worship on 9th November, 1755.[2] Shorter by seventeen feet than its predecessor, it is of the same width; and, making allowance for the difference between the Romanesque of the Twelfth Century, and the "Roman Classical" of the Eighteenth (both styles were really efforts after the same thing), it is not very different from the church it superseded. It is an aisled nave of five bays, separated by Tuscan piers supporting Roman arches. The piers are ornamented in front with pilasters, the base of which range with the bottom of the gallery front,[3] so that the lower part of

[1] The architect of S. Martin's, Trafalgar Square, London, and of the Radcliffe Library at Oxford. The West Church of S. Nicholas was his latest work.

[2] Kennedy, *Annals*, ii.

[3] The church was designed to have galleries, but not to be seated in the aisles beneath them.

the pier becomes a basement. The arches are surmounted by a plain archivolt ; while above run a continuous architrave and cornice, breaking over the pilasters. The ceiling is elliptical—a barrel vault of wood and plaster : but no plaster is visible elsewhere—the beautifully dressed freestone, now toned to a solemn grey, being shown throughout. The stairs at the four corners are so treated as to be themselves ornaments ; while a low, wide, wooden arch skilfully introduced under the west gallery greatly enhances the effect on entering the church. The original woodwork is no less admirable—the gallery fronts, the magistrates' seat in the east gallery, of dark oak, with an elegant canopy supported by four Corinthian pillars surmounted by a broken pediment bearing in the centre the arms of the city, gilded, and the panelled, hexagonal pulpit, with flower-carved back surmounted by a sounding-board, ogee-roofed, whose architrave, frieze, modillion cornice, and every moulding, are enriched by carving. Just one touch was wanting to give lightness to the whole : it was supplied by a dainty open rail, like a border of lace on a velvet dress, which formerly ran along all the divisions of the pews. This was unfortunately removed some years ago, except at the old choir seat : it ought to be restored throughout. The church within recent years has been provided with a permanent Communion Table, designed in oak, after an example at Bois-Sainte-Marie (Saône-et-Loire) ;[1] a brass eagle lectern ; a fine organ in the east gallery—the pulpit stands on one side, against a pillar, with the Holy Table in front of it ; and two good stained glass windows. Some stalls for the clergy are not so happy. There is also a clock in a fine old lacquered case ; while Mary Jameson's tapestries are displayed on a screen at the west entrance. The church is further adorned by the fine Sixteenth Century monumental

[1] A work of the Eleventh Century, figured in Audsley's *Dictionary of Architecture*, i. 50.

brass of Dr. Liddell, and by two monumental tablets of the Eighteenth Century, one a very graceful work by Bacon, another from the chisel of Westmacott. There are other tablets on the walls; and in the window-sills lie fragments of two ancient Gothic tombstones bearing incised crosses,[1] and four mediæval effigies—two of them of Colisons—from the old church. The exterior of the West Church is very simple, the only ornaments being the cornice, the quoins at the corners, and the squared rustics at the three doors, each of which is approached by four steps. But the whole building is scholarly, and exhibits the genius of the architect not less than some of his more popular and elaborate works.

The choir, or New Church—what it was in the beginning of the century is described by Logan in Appendix V.—survived to the fourth decade of the present century, when it was pulled down *because it was old*.[2] One cannot but owe some grudge to an architect who was "art and part" in the demolition of what remained of the two finest ancient parish churches of the North of Scotland—S. Giles' at Elgin, and the Choir of S. Nicholas at Aberdeen, but it must be confessed that the East Church, as rebuilt by Mr. Archibald Simpson in 1837-8, has a dignity, simplicity, and even grace, by no means common in the "Gothic" of that time. Moreover, Simpson spared S. Mary's Chapel and fitted it up with carved oak from the old choir.[3] He spared

[1] These were found in the old tower on its demolition after the fire of 1874. They had been broken up and used as building material. A description of them was communicated by Mr. Alex. Walker to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (1877).

[2] And because Dr. Murray had got the *new* North Church built for him, and Dr. Foote, the minister of the East Church, did not like to be behind him!

[3] The Lower Church, or S. Mary's Chapel, consists of a nave with north and south aisles of one bay each, the nave being prolonged eastward by a semi-octagonal apse, from which it is separated by a strong, low, round arch. The other arches are pointed. The chapel is vaulted throughout in stone: the spaces between the ribs

too the ancient tower and steeple; and if he turned Colison's Aisle—the north transept—into a coal-cellar, he left it in such a state that his successors were able to reveal its ancient features.

have apparently been always plastered. The ribs spring either from massive wall-piers—there are no detached pillars—or from corbels. The whole is of granite; but intractable as the material is, there is a good deal of rude yet not ineffective sculpture. The capitals, indeed, have the most rudimentary of mouldings; but several of the corbels are carved with human heads—one, in the north aisle, showing no fewer than three. Grouped beside the two main piers are the figures of a woman, on one side, and a rat on the other—illustrating, so tradition said, the clearing of a poor woman from the charge of stealing a silver pyx by its discovery in a rat's hole. At the intersections of the groins there are four bosses—that in the north aisle bore apparently the arms of the city, the "cats," or leopards, which support the shield, are still distinct enough; that in the south aisle shows an angel awkwardly holding three shields, of which the central bears the arms of Provost Alexander Chalmers (1478). Above where stood the Altar of our Lady of Piety a small circular boss with flowered moulding keeps her monogram $\overline{\text{MA}}$.: while a larger boss in the nave vault contrives to exhibit all the main features in the legend of S. Nicholas. The saint is seated: at his feet, on one side, are the two children whom the pork-dealer had cut up and salted, whom the saint, to the murderer's confusion, raised from the dead. Two angels on either side of S. Nicholas hold the purses wherewith he dowered the daughters of a poverty-stricken nobleman, thus saving them from a life of infamy. With their other hands, the angels support something (the boss is broken here) over the saint's head. This may refer, either to the legend commemorated in the Sequence of S. Nicholas (Appendix IV.), and pourtrayed in Paul Veronese's picture, of the angels by whom his call to the episcopate was declared; or to the Eastern story, that the saint having at the Council of Nice expressed his abhorrence of the blasphemies of Arius by striking the heresiarch on the mouth, and having been put under arrest in consequence, was visited in his cell by angels who brought to him his episcopal insignia in token that his zeal was approved in heaven! (This boss is figured in the frontispiece to the present volume.) The Lower Church was originally entered from the choir, or Upper Church, by stairs leading down from the choir aisles into its aisles: the archway which spanned one of those entrances has just been cleared of the lath and plaster which concealed it since 1838; it is round, but its inner arch is very slightly pointed.

After the Reformation, the Lower Church speedily became a mere receptacle for lumber. As a place of detention for the unfortunate creatures condemned for witchcraft, it bears in the end of the Sixteenth Century and the beginning of the Seventeenth, the too appropriate name of "the Pity Vault". When Bp. Pokocke visited Aberdeen in the middle of the last century it was a plumber's shop: then for a while it had more fitting use as the Gaelic Chapel; in 1818 it was the soup-kitchen,

An opportunity of doing so was afforded in 1874 by a fire which completely gutted the East Church and the transepts.[1] Much was lost on that occasion—costly stained glass in the apse, a ceiling beautifully painted by Cottier, the ancient oaken steeple, and "Lawrence" and "Maria," bells of price and melody which for five hundred years had summoned the citizens of Aberdeen to prayer. The architects to whom the work of restoration was entrusted, the late Messrs. William and John Smith, loyally followed in the East Church and the south transept Simpson's lines, and left as the memorial of their own taste a restored Colison's Aisle, and the magnificent tower and spire of granite which now rises above the crossing. In the East Church, as in the West, the Holy Table has been restored to its place of honour; an organ peals from the west gallery; a stained glass window has been inserted to the memory of a young archæologist of much promise, the late Mr. Charles Carmichael; and fine plate and other ornaments have been provided—a magnificent silver flagon may be mentioned, and two altar-vases, the gifts of elders. Eleven years ago Colison's Aisle was fitted up for

and Priest Gordon might be seen in it ladling out broth for the poor! The old session-house was demolished along with the old East Kirk in 1837, and S. Mary's was then fitted up to serve, the north aisle as vestry, the nave as session-house, and the south aisle as library. The Presbytery of Aberdeen meets in it: and the "Weekly Exercise," which has been continued with scarcely an interruption since 1562, is held in it every Thursday. The seats, wardrobes, and desks are of carved oak, from the old church; and though externally it has been "faced" with white granite to match the new church above it, internally it retains the appearance of venerable antiquity. A movement is on foot to remove the brick partitions which at present divide its north and south aisles from the nave, and show it in its full extent.

[1] By singular good fortune there escaped the fire the cast-lead front or vallance of the gutter on the north gable (exterior) of Colison's Aisle. It consists of two parts—a frieze bearing the arms of the city alternating with leopards' heads from the mouths of which proceed conventional foliage; and, below, a Gothic fringe of conventional vine leaves, which looks as if it had been cast from wood-moulding. This lead work, which is very beautiful, must date from the earlier part of the Seventeenth Century. It is figured in Sir Gilbert Scott's *Sketch-book*.

service on week-days, and there, or in S. Mary's, Morning Prayer has been offered daily ever since. It was the first revival of Daily Service in the Church of Scotland.

The historians of Aberdeen have naturally much to say concerning its one ancient Parish Church. Kennedy's account of it (*Annals of Aberdeen*, ii.) is full, and in the main correct. Unfortunately the *Book of Bon-Accord*, which is only a fragment, does not deal with it. There are many references to it in the publications of the old Spalding Club. I may mention the two volumes of *Burgh Records*, with Dr. John Stuart's Preface; Walter Cullen's "Chronicle of Aberdeen" in the *Miscellany of the Spalding Club*, ii.; the *Description of Both Touns of Aberdeen*, with Preface by Mr. Cosmo Innes; and the *Collections for the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, made by Joseph Robertson. In the *Selections from the Ecclesiastical Records of Aberdeen* are copious extracts from the records of the Kirk Session of S. Nicholas', from November, 1562, when the court was constituted, till 1659. The unpublished records from the Restoration downward are complete, well-written, and by no means barren of interesting entries—particularly at the periods of the Revolution and of "Mar's Rising" (1715). The diary of Mr. Bisset, one of the ministers of the church at the time of the more celebrated "attempt" of 1745-6, is in the *Miscellany of the Spalding Club*; and notices of the church at that date, and of Mr. Bisset himself, occur in Ray's, Henderson's, and Merchant's *Histories of the Rebellion*.[1] The early General Assemblies held at Aberdeen—most of them in S. Nicholas'—have their record in the *Booke of the Universal Kirk of Scotland*, and in the pages of the Church historians, Spottiswoode, Row, and Calderwood. Dr. Grub, in his *Ecclesiastical History of Scotland*, gives due prominence always to what was done at Aberdeen. The Rev.

[1] See also *Scotland and Scotsmen: Ochtertyre MSS.*, i. 303-306.

Mr. Lippe's monumental edition of *Wodrow's Biographical Collections* contains accounts of four eminent ministers of S. Nicholas' in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries, John Craig, and Bishops David Cunningham, Peter Blackburn, and William Forbes; sermons of Doctors Baron, Sibbald Guild, and Ross are in the *Funerals of Bp. Patrick Forbes;* an *Inquiry into the Life of Dr. Guild* was written by his successor at S. Nicholas' in the next century, Dr. James Shirreffs; and a complete list of the post-Reformation ministers down to 1850 is given in Hew Scot's *Fasti Ecclesiæ Scoticanæ.* A very valuable series of papers—"Epitaphs and Inscriptions in the Church and Churchyard of S. Nicholas"—was contributed by Mr. A. M. Munro to *Scottish Notes and Queries.* Mr. Rettie's "Sanct Nicolas" (*Aberdeen Herald*, 1876) is a series of annotated extracts referring to the church in the period from 1700-1711; the late Mr. Andrew Gibb[1] contributed (1876) several elaborate articles on the "Antiquities of S. Nicholas'" to the *Aberdeen Free Press;* and the present Minister of the West Parish, the Rev. Dr. Mitford Mitchell, described the West Kirk in the pages of *Life and Work.* In the *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland* (1876-7) are a paper by Mr. Alex. Walker on "A Sculptured Stone found in the Church of S. Nicholas, Aberdeen" (the Gothic cross above referred to), and another by Mr. Gibb on its "Monumental Brasses". Mr. Walker has published also *The Paroch Kirk of S. Nicholas*—a beautifully illustrated quarto (1876), and a *Description of the Tapestries of the Church of S. Nicholas* (1877): he edited, too, the *Selected Writings of John Ramsay*, including five chapters on the church. The Rev. Duncan Campbell's paper, "Church Music in Aberdeen," in the *Transactions of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society* (1887),

[1] Mr. Gibb had in view what would have been an exhaustive work on the Church of S. Nicholas. Copious notes, which he had prepared, and some drawings, were courteously lent me by his son.

contains many curious particulars in reference to the services in S. Nicholas', both before and after the Reformation.

The oldest View of S. Nicholas' is that in Parson Gordon's Map of Aberdeen (1661): there is a second in Paterson's Map (1746); a third in Mossman's painting of the city (1756): all in the Town-house of Aberdeen; where there is also a "View of Wallace Nook," showing the east end of the old East Kirk: the steep gable of the church, pierced above the apse with a single short lancet, is surmounted by an urn-shaped ornament, and the roof of the apse itself by a ball and cross. The tracery in the apse windows appears to be Flamboyant in character: the end window of the north aisle is also shown: it is of two lights, and pointed. The print is undated; it bears to have been drawn by Nattes, and engraved by Fittler. The best view of the church from the south is the frontispiece to a *Psalmody*, published by William Maitland (1823): it is an oblong, drawn by Booth, and engraved by Walker & Co., Edinburgh. It shows the West Church as at present; the old tower, spire, and south transept (in the gable, whereof is a fine late-Gothic window, with five mullions rising straight from the sill to the top, and supported by an accoladed transom), and the old East Kirk, with doors struck out through two of its aisle windows. I bought some years ago at a sale in Aberdeen a water-colour drawing of Correction Wynd, with the old East Church in the back-ground. Like the print in the Town-house, it shows Flamboyant tracery in the (south-east) apse window, the mullions being supported by a transom. One of the windows of S. Mary's Chapel is also shown, and one window of the clerestory, which is of two lights: there are skylights in the roof of the south aisle, rendered necessary, no doubt, by the insertion of galleries. The Interior of the old East Church is illustrated in the *Book of Bon-Accord*. Other views of S.

Nicholas' will be found in Wilson's *Aberdeen;* in Fraser's *Churches and Manses of Scotland;* in *Scottish Notes and Queries*, vol. i.; in *Life and Work* (an Interior of the West Church from a drawing by Sir George Reid); and in *Old Landmarks of Aberdeen*—three plates, representing Colison's Aisle, S. Mary's Chapel, and part of the Interior of the West Church. The first volume of this work has *Colison's Aisle* as a frontispiece, and *Provost Davidson's Effigy*, both by Sir George Reid.

In bringing this Preface to a close I must apologise for the delay in the appearance of this Volume, owing to the pressure of pastoral duties; and I have to acknowledge very specially the great assistance I have received from two other members of the Club. To Mr. Alexander M. Munro, I am indebted for two entire Appendices (II. and III.), part of Appendix I., and the Index, by no means the least valuable portions of the work, and requiring for their production an immense amount of antiquarian knowledge and patient labour. Appendix II. is the main storehouse for the history of S. Nicholas', and illustrates the remarkably close connexion which subsisted between the Town Council and their Parish Church. Appendix III. exhibits how little this connexion was affected by the Reformation, and sheds some interesting gleams of light on the thought and worship of a period not too well known. Very touching and beautiful is the repeated entry of merchants and mariners bound for sea receiving, on a Thursday, the Holy Communion ere they sailed. Mr. Munro has helped me besides in many a difficulty, and has cheered my toil by unfailing kindness. To the unwearied Secretary of the Club, Mr. P. J. Anderson, I owe another Appendix (V.) and part of Appendix I.: he searched the Registers of the Town Council, the Cathedral, and King's College;

he transcribed Logan's manuscript ; he helped in the reading of the proofs, and he saw to all matters connected with the illustration and binding of the volume. Mr. Wight Duff gave me some aid at certain points in the translation. The Rev. Mr. Lippe took the trouble to revise my Appendix on the Masses ; Mr. Honeyman of Glasgow was kind enough to look over my argument as to the age of the transepts of S. Nicholas' ; Mr. W. Kelly assisted me in the architectural descriptions ; Sir William Geddes procured for me from eminent friends of his the notes on that curious List of Kings ; and the late Dr. Grub, the Nestor of our Northern antiquaries, supplied me with not a little information. On his death-bed he expressed to me his interest in this work. Nor can I ever forget my bright young helper in the transcription of the MSS., Mr. John Farquhar Thomson, M.A., whose early death (1st March, 1889) was the quenching for this world of what promised to be a light of no common ray.

My thanks are also due to the Town Council for their courtesy in permitting me to use the Magistrates' room while executing the translation of the *Chartulary ;* and to the Society of Advocates for permission to print the text of Logan's manuscript, and to lithograph a selection of its drawings.

J. C.

ABERDEEN, *November*, 1892.

ALTARS IN THE CHURCH OF S. NICHOLAS, ABERDEEN.

1.	S. Nicholas (The High Altar), dating from the foundation of the Church,		
2.	S. John the Evangelist,	founded	1277
3.	S. James,		1340
4.	SS. Lawrence and Ninian,		1355
5.	Holy Cross (The Brown Cross),		1357
6.	S. Ann,	before	1358
7.	S. Leonard,		1359
8.	SS. Duthac and Bridget,	founded	1359
9.	S. Katherine the Virgin,		1360
10.	S. SALVATOR,		1431
11.	S. Michael,		1440
12.	SS. Mary and Joseph,[1]	before	1444
13.	S. Stephen,	founded	1445
14.	S. Sebastian,		1452
15.	S. Peter,		1455
16.	S. Christopher,	re-founded	1470
17.	S. Eloy,		1472
18.	Holy Cross (Rude Altar, on rood-loft),	chaplains appointed	1472
19.	S. Andrew,	founded	1473
20.	S. Mary Magdalene,		1479
21.	Holy Blood,	before	1480
22.	S. Martin,		1480
23.	S. John Baptist,		1486
24.	S. Leonard,		1489
25.	SS. Thomas the Apostle, and George,	founded	1491

[1] This is the altar in the south transept, not in the crypt. S. Joseph's name occurs *once* associated in this altar with S. Mary's. See Appendix I., p. 267.

26. SS. Crispin and Crispinian, ...	chaplain appointed	1495
27. SS. Mungo and Tovine, . . .	leave given to build	1502
28. S. Barbara, ...	founded	1509
29. Name of JESUS, ...		1520
30. The Three Kings, ...	before	$152\frac{3}{4}$
31. S. Mary of Piety (crypt),[1]	before	1528
32. S. Helen,[2]		
33. S. Margaret,[3]		

CLERGY OF S. NICHOLAS'.

No complete list of the Pre-Reformation clergy has come down to us. The names of such of the Vicars, Curates, and Chaplains as are preserved in the *Chartulary* or the Burghal Records will be found in the Index: the Chaplains are given under the Altars at which they served.

[1] The altar was no doubt as old as the crypt.

[2] Mentioned by Kennedy, but I have found no record of it.

[3] I have met with a notice of this altar, but am now unable to verify it.

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Accordingly, the Scots and Picts were set at one by this reasonable peace, and reigned, for a long time subsequently, each content with the limits of their respective kingdoms, and neither inflicting any annoyance or injury on the other. The Britons, again, at that time, had monarchs who, far from harassing the nations around them, on all sides, by lawless hostilities, preserved, by their unvarying clemency and kindness, mutual harmony with all men. While, then, all the island nations in the north-west enjoyed such peaceful harmony, Gaius Julius Cæsar, who, together with Lucius Bibulus, became Roman consul in A.U.C. 693, having made a bridge, crossed the Rhine, and struck terror throughout all Germany, and nearly the whole of Gaul lying between the Alps, the Rhone, the Rhine, and the sea; and after he had, in nine years, subdued that most ferocious nation of the Gauls, he turned his arms against the Britons, to whom, says *Eutropius*, the Romans had not theretofore been known, even by name. *Bede* writes:—Britannia, indeed, had never been visited by the Romans, and was unknown to them before the time of Gaius Julius Cæsar; who, being consul with Lucius Bibulus, after having daunted or subdued the nations of the Germans and Gauls, compelled Cassibellaunus, the king of the Britons, to surrender. Cassibellaunus, says *Geoffroy*, promised Julius Cæsar a yearly tribute of three thousand pounds of silver. In A.U.C. 703, or B.C. 49, Cæsar, after having conquered the Britons, wishing to

[1] Nos. I. and II. constitute chapters xiv. and xv. in the Second Book of John of Fordun's *Chronicle of the Scottish Nation*. The translation given here is that of Mr. Felix J. H. Skene. (*Historians of Scotland*, vol. iv., pp. 43-5.)

subject the kings of the north country to a similar yoke, first sent envoys on before, to expound the conditions he wished them to observe; and, traversing Britannia, he reached the Scottish sea, by which the Britains were, at that time, separated from the Scots, and intrenched himself for some time with a large army on the shore of that tide. In the meantime, he addressed to them, that is, to the kings of the Scots and Picts, by his ambassadors, two letters, one kindly, and the other harshly, worded; with instructions that, if they, as though perchance unmindful of their own welfare, should, with knitted brows, stubbornly reject the former, the ambassadors should present the other, breathing war and discord.

II.

Of the Answer sent to Julius by Letter.

Now, when the kings had heard the ambassador, they were exceedingly indignant, and, having agreed as to the terms of their answer, they curtly wrote back on this wise:—"We, the kings of the Scots and Picts, to Julius, the Procurator of the Roman citizens, with one voice wish, Welfare and Peace—if indeed thou know the things of peace and welfare";—and so forth, down to this sentence: "Think not, O Cæsar, that thou canst entice us, like children, by the blandishments of cajolery like this—that thou canst succeed in leading us astray, to wander in that most loathsome vale of slavery, along a path impassable, crooked, rough, and horrible to every noble-hearted man; leaving the pleasant and noble road of freedom, our birthright, a road wherein our fathers, sustained by help from the gods, were ever wont to walk straight forwards, bending neither to the right hand, nor to the left; more especially as thine embassy came without those gifts which are well suited to those who are unsophisticated in blandishments, to wit, such toys as whirligigs and apples; for shallow fools yearn more strongly for a complimentary offering than for some one, prostrate on his knees, to freely offer them a kingdom. As for the threats which, from thy letter, one might suppose thou hadst just belched forth, we care little, if at all, for them, since we hope that they do not flow from the ordinance of the gods, but, doubtless, rather from the rash arrogance for which thou art notorious; inasmuch as thee, and those whose consul thou proclaimest thyself, we have never offended—nay, we call the

world to witness that we do not even know you. Yet, innocent as we are, thou unjustly threatenest us with war forthwith, if we do not pursue these paths of homage to thee—if, casting down the choice garland of our old nobility, which the gods forbid! we kings, blasphemers, as it were, of our own race, and a scorn to all kings, do not, reversing the order of reason, become the servants of citizens, and hasten meanly to submit, to the dismal chain of slavery, heads hitherto accustomed to golden crowns and kingly dignity. As, therefore, what thou hast just addressed to us by thine embassy seems to jar with the laws of both gods and men, we doubt not that the gods will straightway arise to our help, and to thy confusion, if thy words should be followed by deeds. Now, we do not write back this as if, like braggarts, to defy thee to battle; but humbly, with all earnestness, entreating peace and, even more fervently, thy friendship, provided only the traditions of our forefathers are saved harmless. For, the freedom our ancestors have handed down to us, which we must cherish above gold and topaze, and which, in our judgment, far beyond all comparison transcends all worldly wealth, and is infinitely more precious than precious stones; which our high-souled forebears have from the beginning nobly, even to the death, preserved untainted for us, their sons—this freedom, we say, shall we likewise, as not having, in our unworthiness, degenerated from their nature, but as strenuously imitating their standard, preserve inviolate for our sons after our death, and transmit to them unspotted by a single jot of slavishness. Farewell," etc.

III.

Renunciation by King Edward III. of all right of superiority over the Kingdom of Scotland. 1st March, 132$^{8}_{9}$. (Translation.)

To ALL who shall see these present letters, Edward by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine (wisheth) everlasting health in the Lord. Whereas we, and certain our predecessors the kings of England, have essayed to obtain the rights of rule, dominion, or superiority over the kingdom of Scotland, on which account they overlong afflicted the kingdoms of England and Scotland, by stirring up the dire arbitrament of war. We, considering the murders, slaughters, crimes, destructions of churches, and ills innumerable which, by occasion of these wars, did manifoldly befal the

inhabitants of either realm, and the blessings in which either realm might abound[1] to their mutual profits, have knit them together with the stability of a perpetual peace, and by these presents will to secure them more surely against the wicked attempts of such as, whether native or foreign, are wishful for insurrection or invasion; and we grant by these present letters, for ourselves, our heirs, and our successors whomsoever, with the common advice, consent, and assent of the prelates, princes, earls, barons, and court of our kingdom in our Parliament, that the kingdom of Scotland throughout its proper marches, as they were held and kept in the times of Alexander of good memory, King of Scotland, deceased, shall remain forever to the magnificent prince the lord Robert by the grace of God King of Scots, our illustrious ally and most faithful friend, and to his heirs and successors, divided in all respects from the kingdom of England, in entire, free, peaceful, and undisturbed possession, without any sort of subjection, servitude, claim, or demand. And if we, or our predecessors, have made any claim in any way in the kingdom of Scotland in times past, we renounce it to the foresaid King of Scots, his heirs and successors; and for ourselves, our heirs, and successors, we dissolve absolutely all obligations, covenants, and compacts in any wise entered into with any of our predecessors, at any time whatever, by whatsoever kings or inhabitants, clerical or lay, of the said kingdom of Scotland, in the matter of the subjection of the kingdom of Scotland. And if any letters, papers, muniments, or instruments shall be found anywhere of running in a tenor contrary to these obligations they shall be held vain, useless, null, and void, and we will that they be of neither validity nor weight. And for the full, peaceful, and faithful observance of all and each of the matters foresaid, we have given to our beloved and faithful subjects, Henry de Parciacum,[2] our cousin, and William de la Soucht, and the one or other of them, full power and special mandate to present the same at the sacrament at our soul's peril, by these our open letters. Given at York the first day of the month of March, in the year of grace one thousand three hundred and twenty-eight.

[1] Or perhaps "blessings in which either would abound from mutual acts of forbearance"; as *compendium* may mean *cessation, abridgment.*

[2] Percy?

IV.

Charter by King James II. relieving the Merchants and Burgesses of Aberdeen of all Customs on Salt and Skins. 6th December, 1452. *(Translation.)*[1]

JAMES, by the grace of God, King of Scots, to all upright men of his whole realm, whether clerical or lay (wisheth) health. Know that we, for the singular favour which we bear towards our beloved merchants, burgesses, and community of our burgh of Aberdene, and for their gratuitous services to us hereunto manifoldly paid, have given, conceded, and by this our present charter have confirmed for ourselves, our heirs and successors forever to the foresaid burgesses and community of our burgh of Aberdene, and to their heirs and successors burgesses of the same burgh, that they for all time coming be free, absolved, and quit of all payment of customs of salt and the skins under-written, called in the vulgar tongue: skorlingis, skaldingis, futefell, lentrinwar, lambskynnis, todskynnys, calfskynnys, cunyngskynnys, ottir skynnys, and foumartskynnys. And the merchants and burgesses of Aberdene and their heirs and successors burgesses of the said burgh we absolve, exonerate, and quit-claim of the payment of custom of salt and the skins aforesaid for ourselves and our successors for ever. Further we will, and for ourselves and our successors concede to the said burgesses and community of Aberdene free power and faculty of selling, making merchandise of, or exchanging by excamb or otherwise, the said merchandise of salt and skins as well with foreigners or unfree persons as with any others whomsoever, either within our kingdom or beyond it without any custom whatsoever payable by foreigners themselves or others whomsoever at any future time; so that from the said salt or skins bought or acquired of our burgesses above-mentioned by foreigners themselves, no custom shall to any extent be paid, except only the petty custom due and wont to be paid from the said salt and skins in time past and heretofore by foreigners themselves and unfree persons to the said burgesses and community. Wherefore to all and sundry of those who have or can in future have interest herein, we give strict injunction that they presume to do nothing contrary in any degree to this our said donation, exoneration, and quit-claim, under every penalty

[1] See *Charters and Other Writs illustrating the History of the Royal Burgh of Aberdeen* (Aberd., 1890), p. 25.

which it shall be possible for them or him to incur to our royal Majesty. In testimony whereof we have ordered our great seal to be appended to the present letters that shall last for ever. Witnesses: the Reverend Father in Christ, William, Bishop of Glasgow; William, Lord Creichtoune, our Chancellor and dearly-beloved cousin; our beloved cousins, Andrew, Lord le Gray, Master of our Hospital; William, Lord Somervile; Alexander de Narne of Sandfurde, our Keeper of the Rolls; and Mr. George de Schoriswod, Chancellor of (the diocese of) Dunkeld, our clerk; at Striuelyne, 6th December, 1452, in the sixteenth year of our reign.

V.

Charter by King James III. to the Burgh of Aberdeen of the Lands of Cruives (of Don). 26th October, 1465. *(Abstract.)*[1]

James by the grace of God King of Scots . . . know that we have given, and by this present charter have confirmed, to our lovites the provost, baillies, council, and community of our burgh of Aberdeen the lands of Cruives,[2] with their pertinents, lying within our sheriffdom of Aberdeen; which lands were the hereditary possession of our lovite John Bannerman of Alesike,[3] and were freely resigned by the said John into our hands at Stirling before the witnesses underwritten . . . to be held for ever by the said provost, baillies, council, and community of the said burgh of us, in feu and perpetual heirship . . . under our great seal. Witnesses—Andrew,[4] Bishop of Glasgow; Thomas,[5] Bishop of Aberdeen; Andrew, Lord Avandale, our Chancellor; Colin, Earl of Argyle, Lord Campbell, Master of our Hospital; Gilbert, Lord Kennedy; John, Lord Darnley; Alexander Boyd of Drumcole; John Colquhon of that Ilk, Master of our Accompts, knight; Mr. David de Guthrie of Kincaldrun, our Treasurer; and Mr. Archibald Whitelaw, Archdeacon of Moray, our Secretary. Given at Stirling 26th October, 1465, in the sixth year of our reign.

[1] *Charters, etc., of Aberdeen,* p. 30.

[2] Woodside, part of which is still held feu of the burgh.

[3] Now Elsick in Kincardineshire.

[4] Andrew Muirhead held the see of Glasgow from 1455 to 1473.

[5] Thomas Spens, bishop of Aberdeen from 1459 to 1480.

VI.

Sasine of the Lands of Cruives. 25th June, 1466. (*Abstract.*)[1]

NOTARIAL instrument narrating that about eleven o'clock in the forenoon on the 25th of June, 1466, there compeared before the notary, John Badenach, and other witnesses, David Duncanson, one of the mayors of fee appointed by John Ogston, sheriff-depute of Aberdeen, and, within the chief dwelling on the said lands, made over to Richard de Kyntor, then provost of the burgh, sasine of the lands of Cruives by giving him earth and stones, according to the King's charter proceeding on the resignation of the said lands by John Bannerman of Alesike, hereditary owner thereof. Present—Andrew Stewart, Robert Mason, William Dere, Thomas Marnoch, and Robert Gillespy, notary public.

VII.

Sale of the Lands of Cruives. 12th January, 14^{59}_{60}. (*Abstract.*)[2]

SALE by John Bannerman of Alesike to the provost, bailies, council, and community of the burgh of Aberdeen, all and whole his lands, anciently called the Smithihalch,[3] but at the present day called the Cruives, with their pertinents, and all right and claim over them . . . for a certain sum of money which the said provost, bailies, and council had already paid for the redemption, and on account of a wadset (*impignoracio*) over the said lands by Edward Bannerman, the son and heir of the late John Bannerman, and also because in the vendor's own great and urgent necessity they had paid him in ready money,[4] with which he holds himself well content, and free of all fear of guile, evil, or that the money has not been counted, makes over to the purchasers the whole estate to be held of our Sovereign lord the King in fee and perpetual heirship, with all its moors, marshes, . . . and assigns them to the foresaid purchasers. In testimony whereof he appends his seal at the said burgh on the 12th of January, 1459-60, in presence of the following witnesses:—Sirs and Masters Robert Stewart, Vicar of the said burgh; Alexander Young, Canon of the (Cathedral) Church of Aberdeen; Alexander Bannerman, his cousin (*germanus*); John Voket, and Mr. John Cadiou, notary public.

[1] *Charters, etc., of Aberdeen*, p. 388, No. 34.
[2] *Charters, etc., of Aberdeen*, p. 388, No. 31.
[3] *Smithyhaugh.*
[4] The sum is not mentioned.

VIII.

Confirmation by King James III. given to John Bannerman, burgess of Aberdeen, over the Lands of Cruives. 2nd April, 1465. (*Abstract.*)[1]

James by the grace of God King of Scots, having seen read and inspected certain letters of John Bannerman of Alesike to his paternal uncle, John Bannerman, burgess of Aberdeen, concerning his lands of Cruives, of which the tenor follows:—(*The deed, which is in English, is cited in full. It relates how* for the sum of seven score merks Scots John Bannerman of Alesike had assigned to "my dearest eme," John Bannerman, burgess of Aberdeen, the whole lands of Cruives, with their pertinents and rights, aye and until the assigner pays to the assignee, in the Church of Ellon, at two terms, that is to say, three score and ten merks on one day and three score and ten merks on a second day, or the whole seven score merks on one day, the assignee in the meanwhile to have all the profits of the property; and is sealed at Aberdeen 13th November, 1440, before Humphrey Leask of that Ilk, Simon Bannerman of Balmacasy, John of Cruden, and John of Staneburgh of Aberdeen.) All which the King approves and confirms, saving his usual rights. Witnessed under the great seal by William, Lord of Crechton, our Chancellor; Alexander de Levingston and Calentar, John de Cokburn, and William de Cranston, knights, at Edinburgh, 2nd April, in the fifth year of our reign.

IX.

Concerning the Benefactors of the Church, 1340-62. (*Translation.*)

In honour, veneration, and adornment of our most holy spiritual Mother the Church, from whose bosom we have been born to life and salvation, as the Lord in the Gospel testifies, saying to Nichodemus, "Ye must be born again: except a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God".[2] The man of earth may, by the water of baptism, become heavenly, and is passed from sin to life, from guilt to grace, from defilement to sanctification. And he who passeth through this water doth not die, but riseth again. For there are two births, one of the earth, and the other of heaven. Nevertheless, Nichodemus had been ignorant of any birth except the earthly one,

[1] *Charters, etc., of Aberdeen*, p. 388, No. 32. [2] S. John iii. 5-7.

after the flesh from Adam and Eve; he was as yet ignorant of the birth from heaven spiritually, from God and the Church.[1] He had known only those parents who have led us unto death; he had not known the parents who bear unto life. Nichodemus was thinking of the one earthly birth, that is, flesh of flesh, carnally from Adam and Eve. He did not understand the second birth from heaven, that is, spirit of Spirit, spiritually from Christ and the Church. The Apostle saith that "the first man is of the earth earthy,"[2] that is, Adam; the second man is of heaven heavenly, that is, Christ. From Adam, Eve; from Christ the Church had her beginning. Adam sinned; Christ saved him. The first man is a sinner, the second a Saviour. Holy Church is the mother of all believers, whom, born after the flesh to death and damnation, but born again spiritually, she leadeth on to life and salvation. Holy Mother Church was prefigured in the first man; for from the side of Adam as he slept was made Eve, the fleshly bride of Adam, the mother of pains and of damnation. So from the side of Christ and His wound as He hung upon the Cross, sprang Holy Church, the spiritual bride of Christ, the mother of mercy and salvation. God opened the side of the man as he was sleeping without so much as wakening him from his quiet slumber, and thereby was prefigured the mystery[3] of Christ and His Church. For as the woman, the wife of Adam, was formed from the side of the man, so Holy Church, our bountiful mother, the bride of Christ, from the sacraments which have flowed out from the wounded side of Christ as He slept upon the Cross—the water and the blood by which we are redeemed from punishment, and washed from sin.[4] Our first birth, of the flesh, brought us forth unto death; our second birth, of the Spirit, calleth us back to life. Through our first birth we were vessels of wrath—he[5] the fountain, we the vessels. By our

[1] This is a quotation from S. Augustine, *Tract. in Joan.* xi. 6. The passage is quoted in the *Catena Aurea* of S. Thomas Aquinas on S. John iii.

[2] 1 Cor. xv. 47.

[3] *Sacramentum.* There is a reference to Ephesians v. 32.

[4] Compare the hymn, "Rock of Ages":

"Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath, and make me pure".

[5] *Ipse—scilicet* Adam.

second birth we have been counted worthy[1] to become the vessels of God's mercy. We all, before baptism, were fanes[2] of the devil, and, after baptism, we are made the temples of Christ, as the Apostle plainly saith: "For ye are the one temple of God, as the Lord saith, I will dwell in you and walk among you"; [3] and again, "The temple of God is built, which temple are ye"; [4] and again, "Know ye not that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost?" [5] and also, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up,"[6] that is, the temple of His body. Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us rejoice because we are made the temples of God; but let us fear lest by evil works we defile God's temple. Let us fear that which the Apostle saith: "If any man defile the temple of God, the Lord will destroy him".[7] Therefore, brethren, let us labour that, by the keys of good works, we may be able to open for ourselves the door of the heavenly kingdom, forasmuch as by wicked works, as by so many bolts and bars, the door of life is shut against us. Therefore, without doubt, it is opened by good works. Let us, then, sow the seed of good works while yet there is time, according to the Apostle's saying: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly".[8] Let us, "while we have opportunity, be unwearied in doing good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of the faith".[9] And, "Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation".[10] The God of all, who, by the word of His power, without any labour, was able to make heaven and earth, deigneth to dwell in thee; therefore, thou oughtest so to act that thou shalt not be found guilty of offending such an Indweller. And if God, the Redeemer, hath departed,[11] the devil, the deceiver hath come. Unhappy is that soul which is brought down[12] from highest heaven and occupied by the devil! It is emptied of light, and filled with darkness; it is drained of sweetness, and made drunk with poison,

[1] *Meruimus*—we have merited. The Latin, however, is not synonymous with its English derivative. It speaks, says Migne, not so much of a reward deserved as a benefit received.

[2] *Fanes* of the devil—*temples* of Christ. On the pavement of S. Peter's at Rome, where the length of different churches is marked, a like distinction is observed—"*templum* Mediolani," "*fanum* Londini" (S. Paul's).

[3] 2 Cor. vi. 16. [4] 1 Cor. iii. 17. [5] 1 Cor. iii. 16. [6] S. John ii. 19.

[7] 1 Cor. iv. 17. [8] 2 Cor. ix. 6. [9] Gal. vi. 10. [10] 2 Cor. vi. 2.

[11] Compare 1 Samuel xvi. 14; and S. Matt. xii. 45. [12] Compare S. Matt. xi. 23.

and in bitterness loses its life! It findeth death, it gaineth punishment, it loseth Paradise! Faithfully and rightly do Christian people cherish the Church, our spiritual mother, since they recognise that they are the sons of the Church; and worthy is the Church of being cherished, the mother whom they know and believe to have regenerated them by the Spirit unto life. As often as we come to church we ought to prepare our souls by making them such as we wish to find her. For just as thou enterest into the Church, so God desireth to enter into thy soul, as He hath promised: "I will dwell in them".[1] Holy Mother Church is fruitful by an unspotted intercourse. She is a virgin while she bringeth forth; in chastity she becometh a mother. She bringeth forth us, her offspring, as a virgin, filled not with the flesh,[2] but with the Spirit. A virgin, she beareth us not with pain of body, but amid the joy[3] of angels: a virgin, she nourisheth us not with the milk of the body, but with the Catholic faith—our bountiful Mother Church: a virgin, she is the mother of nations by the sacraments of the Church. Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us be glad, and rejoice with great joy, in the adorning, ornamenting, and venerating of our most holy Mother Church, as did the people of the Hebrews, as we read in the history: "They decked also the forefront of the temple with crowns of gold, and dedicated the altar to the Lord, and there was great gladness among the people".[4] Her sons, therefore, prompted by the good[5] Spirit to works of love, have from of old adorned the face of our holy Mother Church with vestments woven of gold, of silver, and of silk—with images, with chalices shining with precious gems,[6] with manuscripts, with bells, and other instruments of Divine service, and suitable for the ministering thereof. And they have dedicated—that is, they have sacrificed—an altar to the Lord with all honour, in the odour of a sweet smell, with whole[7] burnt-offerings, with sacrifices, with masses, tithes, first-fruits; and with the spiritual oblations of fastings, and prayers, and hymns, and confessions, and sweet songs, they were wont to bless the Lord. And so was there great joy among the people. Therefore, brethren, let

[1] 2 Cor. vi. 16. [2] *Caritate* in the MS. is an obvious mistake for *carnitate*.

[3] Compare S. Luke xv. 10. [4] 1 Macc. iv. 56-58. [5] Psalm cxliii. 10.

[6] It is doubtful whether this clause refers to the chalices or to the images.

[7] Compare Psalm li. 19.

us also rejoice and be glad, desiring with kindliness of heart to search out the traces of their piety.

There were many venerable men in the times before us who, led by great devotion, in honour of Almighty God, of the holy Virgin Mary, of the most blessed confessor the Blessed Nicholas our patron, and of all saints of God, decorated and adorned our spiritual Mother the Parish Church of Aberdene with many benefactions and holy works—whose names are in the book of life, their merits in the heavens, and their souls co-equal with the saints; and almost their very names and holy works are now given over to oblivion. But O! how just and right it is, and how consonant to all good reason, that we should recall to memory their names and their good works; so that from their good work[1] and their devotion those who are to come may take example, and glorify our God, who is in the heavens, by whom all things were made, and without whom was nothing made. To whom be praise, power, dominion, and glory throughout all ages. Amen.[2]

In the year of our Lord 1340 three venerable men, William de Turine, Stephen de Manuell, and Bartholomew de Eglishame, adorned the Parish Church of the said burgh with the principal and larger image of S. Nicholas, situated in the middle of the High Altar. Whose souls, for their piety, may God receive into eternal salvation.

In the year of our Lord 1340, the image of S. Nicholas, situated at the south side of the foresaid High Altar, which was there from the first building of the Church, was repainted by Ralph Voket, burgess of the said burgh. To whose soul may God be gracious.

In the year of our Lord 1401, William de Strabrok,[3] burgess of the said

[1] *Opere*, contracted thus, *ope*.

[2] This is the passage I have placed at the beginning of the First Volume. It seems to me a complete justification at once of the publication of the Chartulary, and of the task being undertaken by a minister of Christ, who is bound by his ordination to give his whole work to the service of his Lord. It is doing the Lord's work to recall to memory the piety of former servants of the Lord.

[3] Probably a descendant of William Strabrock of Foveran, who was Alderman from 1329 to 1331 and in 1334.

burgh, founded the Altar in honour of S. James the Apostle on the lower[1] column on the north side of the nave, the same column wherein is set the carved stone for holding holy water; which altar he adorned with the image of S. James situated there, with holy vestments for the priest, with a gilt chalice, a breviary, a missal, and other vessels suitable for Divine service. And he was buried in front of the said altar. Whose soul may God lead[2] unto life and everlasting glory.[3]

In the year of our Lord 1342, a venerable man, Sir John de Kingorne, *primus*, was instituted, by the Reverend Father in Christ and Lord, the Lord Alexander de Kynninmounde, Bishop of Aberdeen, into the vicarage of the Parish Church of Aberdeen. And he adorned the Altar of the Blessed Nicholas with a priest's vestment of silk woven in various colours, and a cope of cloth of gold. And he was buried in the choir. Whose soul may God lead unto eternal glory.[4]

In the year of our Lord 1350, Thomas Mersere,[5] burgess of the said burgh, adorned the Altar of S. Nicholas with a tabernacle of the Passion of Christ, situated between the images and the altar, and reaching from one end of the altar to the other. And he is buried in front of the said altar. Whose soul may God lead unto the fatherland of eternal joy.

In the year of our Lord 1351, an honourable man—William de Leith—adorned, at his own cost and charges, the Parish Church of the said burgh with two great bells of great price hanging in the steeple; the name of the larger bell is Lawrence, and that of the less, Mary. Whose soul, for his good deed, may God lead unto glory.

In the year of our Lord 1352, William de Leith, burgess of the said burgh, adorned the said Parish Church with a complete priest's vest-

[1] That is, the westmost.

[2] *Perducat*—literally, lead *through* (whatever trials).

[3] See No. XXIX.

[4] There was a Sir John de Kingorne, *secundus*, nephew of the first, Vicar of Aberdeen in 1438: see No. LXIII.

[5] Alderman of the burgh in 1343 and again in 1360.

ment of blue[1] velvet of great price embroidered with gold on the orphreys, and also with other things useful and fitting for Divine service. Whose soul, for his piety, may God lead unto eternal glory.

In the year of our Lord 1352, John de Anstroyer, burgess of the said burgh, adorned the Altar of S. Nicholas with the image of S. Mary, situated above the High Altar, on the north side of the foresaid altar. To whose soul may God be gracious, and bring it unto the fatherland of eternal brightness.

In the year of our Lord 1353, an honourable man and of good repute, James de Crag, adorned the Altar of S. Nicholas with the small image of S. Nicholas above the same altar, situated towards the north. On whose soul may God have mercy and bring it unto glory.

In the year of our Lord 1354, a noble and devout lady, Christiana de la Bruys,[2] adorned the Altar of the Blessed Nicholas with a silver chalice set with precious stones. To whose soul may God be gracious without end. Amen.

In the year of our Lord 1355, the forementioned William de Leith lengthened the Choir of the Virgin Mary towards the south by the space of sixteen feet, and there founded the Altar of the Blessed Lawrence and Ninian[3] and adorned it with the images of the foresaid saints, situated above the same altar. And also with a mass-book and breviary, well lettered and (musically) noted, and with divers priestly vestments and

[1] Blue. Blue does not now occur in the Roman sequence of Liturgical Colours, though violet does; it seems, however, to be occasionally in use. It was, in the Old Testament, the colour of the high priest's ephod (Exod. xxxix. 22).

[2] In the previous year, 1534, Matilda, a daughter of King Robert Bruce, died at Aberdeen. She had married "a certain squire, named Thomas Isaac, who of her begat two daughters. The elder, named Joan, wedded a noble and mighty man, John of Lorne, lord of that ilk; who of her begat sons and daughters. Matilda's younger daughter, named Catherine, was taken away from this life at Stirling."—Fordun, *Historians of Scotland*, iv. p. 360. Can the Christina of the Chartulary be the Catherine of Fordun? If so the chalice may have been given in memory of her mother.

[3] See No. LIX., *infra*.

other necessaries suitable to Divine service. And he was buried before the same altar. Whose soul may God lead unto the heavenly fatherland.

In the year of our Lord 1357, an honest and worthy man, Alexander Williamson, burgess of Aberdeen, founded an altar in the west end of the foresaid church, on the north side, and adorned it with the image which is called The Brown Cross situated above it, and with a gilt chalice, mass-book, and other useful gifts which ought to be suitable for Divine service. Also, in the choir he made a pavement of squared stones, and the outer and inner painting.[1] And was buried before the altar. On whose soul may God have mercy.

In the year of our Lord 1358, certain far-sighted and discreet men, and Sir Andrew de Curtastoune, chaplain of S. Ann, and John Fichat, burgess, who had been specially elected masters of the church funds,[2] and, with a view to its repairs, repaired the Parish Church with a pavement of squared stones, partly at the expense of the community, and partly out of their own private means, as being anxious and zealous for the work of the Church. On whose souls may God have mercy.

In the year of our Lord 1359, a good man and a burgess, William de Merenez, decored the Parish Church with the large image of S. Mary, situated above the Altar of S. Leonard, and with a glass window on the south side of the choir. On whose soul may God have mercy.

In the year of our Lord 1359 (two) honourable burgesses, Laurence de Crag and John Scherar, founded the Altar of Blessed Duthac, and adorned it with the image of the saint situated above it, with a gilt chalice, and

[1] The 'outer and inner' painting may possibly have been on the screen separating the choir from the nave, the 'outer painting' being that on the side towards the nave, the 'inner' towards the choir. There were such paintings on the choir-screen of Elgin Cathedral, that towards the nave representing the Crucifixion of Our Lord, that towards the choir, the Last Judgment—an arrangement of great beauty, reminding the clergy of their responsibility and the people of their hope.

[2] *Fabricam.* The general meaning of the word in the ecclesiastical Latin of the middle ages is the *revenue* of a church; but it sometimes means also *the fabric* maintained by those revenues (Migne).

holy vestments, and other things useful and suitable for Divine service at the altar. Also, Sir Andrew de Abircrumby, chaplain of the same, supplied the same altar with a priest's vestment. On whose souls may God have mercy.

In the year of our Lord 1360, an honest and discreet man, William de Chalmers of Fyndon, and burgess of Aberdeen, founded the Altar of S. Katherine in the Parish Church of Aberdeen, and supplied it with the image of the saint situated above it, and a gilt chalice, and other (*sic*) holy vestments seemly for Divine service. And he was buried before the altar. On whose soul may God have mercy.

In the year of our Lord 1361, Sir Andrew de Curtastoune, an honest man and chaplain serving at the Altar of Blessed Ann—(the altar) of that potent man Robert Davidson,[1] burgess of Aberdeen—the said Sir Andrew provided the said altar with a cope of ruby colours woven with gold, and with one baudekyne[2] of ruby colour and cloth of gold, and with a gilt chalice set in the middle with rock crystal, and with other instruments pertaining to the same altar, at the cost and charges of the said Robert his master, and of himself equally. Which Robert, at that time provost of the foresaid burgh, built the town-house on the north side of the market-place opposite the cross, at the cost and charges of the community. And he was a man brave and bold, who prospered in all things, and died in the war of Harelaw, and with him many praiseworthy burgesses, staunch and steadfast, rooted in honest principles and inured in all probity (whose names, for lack of time, and because of errors as to names, cannot now be set down as it were fitting), in defence of the town, and for the liberty of their fatherland, under the banner of Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mar. And the said Robert was buried before the Altar of S. Ann, in the foresaid parish church. On whose soul may God have mercy.

The image of S. Nicholas on the south side of the High Altar was

[1] "Robert Davidson, killed in Harelaw, 1361 (*sic*)." This note is in the Chartulary, on the margin. The real date of the Battle of Harlaw is 1411.

[2] *Uno le baudekyne.* The word derived from "Bagdad," and hence applied to the rich stuffs made in that city (Migne).

situated there from the beginning of the building of the church, and the late Ralph Voket, a prudent burgess, had its colours renewed in his own time. On whose soul may God have mercy.

In the year of our Lord 1362, a potent lord, Sir Alexander de Forbes of that Ilk, knight, provided the Altar of Blessed[1] Ann with a velvet vestment of various colours woven with gold. On whose soul may God have mercy.

X.

Charter by William Scherar, formerly Provost of Aberdeen, endowing of the Altar of S. Duthac. 31st July, 1464.[2] (*Abstract.*)

To all Christ's faithful people, etc., William Scherar, burgess of the burgh of Aberdeen, wisheth eternal salvation in the Lord. Whereas, through devout prayers and the celebration of masses, wherein Christ the Son of God is offered to the Father for our sins, it is believed that sins are remitted, and the pains of Purgatory overcome, and the souls of the dead very often liberated from them and placed among the joys of Paradise—for that reason I, the foresaid William Scherar, led by devotion, with the consent and assent of Iabella,[3] my most dear wife, in honour of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, of the most glorious Virgin Mary, of S. Duthac, and of S. Bridget, and all saints of God, in augmentation of a perpetual chaplaincy for one fit chaplain to celebrate perpetually in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, at the Altar of S. Duthac, anciently founded in part by the alderman, baillies, and community of Aberdeen, have, by

[1] In the Roman Catholic Church at the present day a distinction is made between the beatification and canonisation of a saint; the title "Blessed" being given to those who have had the lower honour accorded to them, and the title "Saint" to those who have received the higher. In the Chartulary "Blessed" (Beatus) and "Saint" (Sanctus) are used indiscriminately. It has been deemed sufficient to exhibit this in No. IX.; henceforth for convenience' sake "S." (abb. for Saint) alone is used in this translation. In some of the later charters, when the influence of the classicism of the Renaissance is beginning to be felt, both "Beatus" and "Sanctus" are discarded in favour of "Divus," which to us sounds pagan, though to those who employed it it seemed only classical and elegant.

[2] See *infra*, Appendix I., No. II.[2].

[3] So in the MS. It is perhaps a mistake for Isabella.

the favour of the Lord, arranged and provided for the amplifying, endowing, and augmenting of the said chaplaincy with all my lands and annual rents underwritten, with consent and assent of the alderman, baillies, and community aforesaid, as is contained more fully in the open letters of the same, investing me and mine with the patronage of the foresaid altar. Therefore, know all that I have given and hereby give in mortmain to God and the most glorious Virgin Mary, and to SS. Duthac and Bridget, Virgin, and to the said altar, and to the chaplain there to celebrate perpetually, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my wife aforesaid, my father and mother, and the parents of the former, founders of the same chaplaincy, of my successors, brothers and sisters, benefactors, and all others alive or dead from whom I at any time received any good thing and did not repay it to the full, all that tenement, viz:—my waste land lying in the Shiprow of the said burgh, between the land of William Moir on the west, and the land of John Gouis on the east; also my waste land lying in the same street, between the land of John Gouis on the west, and the King's highway on the east; also four shillings and four pence from the land of Thomas Litster lying in the Upperkirkgate between the land of Adam Litster on the north, and the land of Thomas Trayl on the south. And another annual rent of six shillings and eight pence from the land of the said Thomas Traal lying in the same street, between the land of the said Thomas Litster on the north, and the land of Thomas Club on the south. And one annual rent of twenty pence from the land of the said Thomas Club lying in the said street, between the land of Thomas Tralle on the north, and the land of John Crag on the south. And one annual rent of nine shillings from the land of William Mor lying in the Shiprow, between the land of Andrew Alan on the west, and my foresaid land on the east. And one annual rent of seven shillings and eleven pence from the land of John Gouis in the said street, between my lands aforesaid on the west and east. And one annual rent of forty pence from the land of William Club, baker, lying at the end of the said Shiprow, between the land of the late Gilbert Mason on the east, and the public King's highway on the west. And one annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from the land of Andrew Scot in the Netherkirkgate, between the lands of Walter . . . *The rest is wanting.*

FRAGMENTS.

The seventh folio of the Manuscript is entirely wanting.

A.

Charter by William Meldrum endowing the Altar of SS. Lawrence and Ninian. [1342.[1]]

To all who shall see this charter . . . William de Melgdrum, laird of Auchneef and Petkarry,[2] wisheth eternal salvation in the Lord. Know all that I, acting within my legal right, and being in health of body, for the salvation of my soul and that of Margaret, my mother-in-law, our sons and daughters, predecessors and successors, and all the faithful departed, have given . . . to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all saints, and to the Altar of SS. Lawrence, Martyr, and Ninian, Confessor, which is dedicated within the Choir of the Blessed Virgin Mary[3] in the Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdeen, eight merks of usual money sterling annually, to be drawn yearly at the usual terms for the purpose of procuring one fit chaplain to serve in perpetuity at the said altar, and of procuring a handsome lamp and all ornaments needful to the said altar, and (supplying it) in bread and wine and other things. Namely, forty shillings from the lands of The Wattirton,[4] near Ellon, which Lawrence de Foty,[5] burgess of Aberdene, holds from me in feu. And thirteen shillings and four pence from that croft which Alexander Williamson holds from me in the village of Foty, within the croft-lands of the said village ; and twenty shillings from those two parts of land on either side of my own land which I inhabit in the west side of the Gallowgate, lying side by side, which parts of land Sir John de Melgdrum, chaplain, my son, holds of me in feu, and Fergus,

[1] See *Antiquities of Aberdeen and Banff*, III. 43.

[2] Socra.

[3] The Choir of the Blessed Virgin Mary was the South Transept, which had just been lengthened towards the south. The Lady Chapel of Elgin Cathedral was the South Aisle of the Choir.

[4] Observe the use of the article. The name has still a meaning.

[5] This Lawrence de Foty appears in the records of the Cathedral of Aberdeen, under date 1391, as its benefactor to the extent of one merk yearly from "the lands of Fothil in Buchan, belonging to the Lord Abbot and Convent of the Monastery of Deer," the said merk being "one which the foresaid Lord Abbot and Convent of Deer gave and assigned to the same Lawrence and his heirs and assigns in excambion for a tenement built in the village of Foty, within the burgh of Aberdeen". No doubt it was from the Aberdeen Futtie that Lawrence derived his surname.—*Registrum Aberdonense*, I. 187, 189.

son of Alexander, burgess of Aberdene. And six shillings and eight pence sterling from my land of Ardechoyrk, within the lordship of Melgdrum. I will also . . . that the Alderman, four bailies, and the conservators, for the time being, of the fabric of the foresaid Church of S. Nicholas shall have and hold the foresaid revenue of eight merks for the procuring the said fit chaplain to serve in perpetuity at the foresaid altar in mode and form as aforesaid (one) in the orders of Christ under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Aberdeen, for the time being, to be held as freely, quietly, fully, and honestly, as I myself, at this moment, have acquired, held, and possessed the said and fore-mentioned rents as belonging only to God and me; so that neither I, nor my heirs, nor any one for our part, can exact or have any right or claim over them, or in any way alienate them in future from the service of the foresaid altar; this being added, that I and my heirs . . . the archdeacon or official of the Lord Bishop of Aberdeen . . . .

Part of the charter is wanting here.

. . . .

Before these witnesses—Sir William de Keith,[1] knight, Marischal of Scotland; Sir Alexander Fraser, knight, Sheriff of Aberdene; Thomas Mercer, then Aldirman of Aberdene; William de Leth and John Crab, burgesses of the same burgh, and many others.

B.

Confirmation . . . ten pounds to the Church of the Friars (Preachers).[2]

JAMES[3] by the grace of God King of Scots . . . .

[1] This was probably the first Lord Keith, about the middle of the 14th century, Thomas Mercer having been Alderman of Aberdeen in 1360.

[2] The Blackfriars or Dominicans. Their convent in Aberdeen, dedicated to S. John Baptist, was founded in the reign of Alexander II. (1214-1249); it stood where the Art Gallery now stands. On digging for the foundations of the Art Gallery large numbers of the bones of those interred in their cemetery were found, and were, through the pious care of Mr. Leslie of Balquhain, carefully collected, placed in two varnished pine chests, or coffins, and reburied in a specially constructed brick vault a short distance west, near the boundary wall. Some of the Earl Marischal's family were originally buried before the High Altar, and early in this century, when the ground was levelled, their bones were reburied in the *north-west corner* of the College playground. The Rev. Mr. Fleming of Blairs was then a boy at Gordon's Hospital, and he told Mr. Leslie that he not only assisted in carrying the bones, but, after showing him where they were found, took him to the spot where they were buried (in the north-west angle of the boundary wall). A silver heart, found at the neck of one of the skeletons is now in Tarves Museum.

[3] James III. (1460-1488).

to our beloved cousin William[1] de . . . .
to Mr. Richard Forbes,[2] dean . . . .
the revenue of ten pounds . . . .
from the lands of Futhes Beg[3] . . . .
the lands of the foresaid Masters Richard . . . .
lying in the barony of . . . .
. . . .
to God and the convent of the Friars Preachers . . . .
. . . .
the charter of the said William Lord Forbes . . . .

To all who shall see this charter[4] William Forbes . . . . wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know, that we have given in perpetuity to our beloved uncle, Mr. Richard (Forbes), Dean of Aberdeen, and his assigns, one annual rent of ten pounds, usual Scots money, to be drawn annually from our lands of Futhes Beg and Futhes More, with the mill of the same and its pertinents, on account of an excambion (made) between us and the said Mr. Richard of his lands of Strathgerny,[5] Lothry, and Brigend, lying in the Barony of Oboyne, within the shire of Aberdene, for which lands of Futhes Beg and Futhes More, with the mill of the same, the fruits thereof, and all other lands of ours lying in our lordship of Futhes More, within the said shire of Aberdene. The said annual rent of ten pounds, with the pertinents thereof, to be held, had, and taken of us and our heirs by the said Mr. Richard and his assigns . . . .

Part of the charter is wanting here.

. . . .
. . . . a penny Scots in the name of blench farm

[1] William, 3rd Lord Forbes. He married Christian, daughter of Alexander Seton, 1st Earl of Huntly and Elizabeth his wife. It is probably on account of his connexion that the deed stipulates for prayers for their souls.

[2] Richard Forbes was Dean of Aberdeen in 1457 (*Registrum Aberdonense* I. 240). He was a son of Alexander, 1st Lord Forbes.

[3] Futhes Beg in Aboyne.

[4] The charter, which the King confirms, seems here to be recited in full.

[5] No doubt, Strathgirnock.

. . . . from Futhes if it is asked
. . . . William, the heir, and my assigns
. . . .
. . . . (Before these witnesses) Forbes, our brother,
. . . . Alexander Lesly, Sir
. . . . Forbes Davidsone, Andrew
. . . . de Cragiver, and Mr.
. . . . (notary) public with many others and divers
. . . . of the said Mr. Richard Forbes
. . . . who[1] shall see or hear this charter
. . . . salvation: Know that I for
. . . . (of James) II., and of Mary his Queen-consort,
. . . . . (for a . . . .) man Alexander Seton, Earl of Huntly, lord of Badynach, and for the soul of the Countess Elizabeth, his wife, of Alexander de Forbes of that Ilk, the first lord of parliament of Forbes,[2] my most dear . . . and Elizabeth de Douglas,[3] his wife, the most dear . . . of James I., King of Scots, and of (the soul of) James, late Lord Forbes,[4] and of my own soul, and the soul of my dearest mother, and of all the lords of the lordship of Forbes, and the successors of the same having the name, blood, and parentage of Forbes, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to God, the Blessed Mary, and to S. John Baptist,[5] and to all the Superior and Brethren of the Convent of the Friars Preachers of Aberdene, and their successors my assigns, in pure and perpetual alms, one annual rent of ten pounds Scots . . . . to be lifted and taken from the lands and bounds of Futhes . . . .

The rest is wanting.

The next two leaves are altogether wanting.

[1] We have evidently here the beginning of a charter; but as the writing in the Chartulary is continuous, it is probably but the recitation of a charter referred to in what goes before.

[2] He was created a lord of parliament prior to 12th July, 1442, and died 1448.

[3] She was the only daughter of George Douglas, Earl of Angus, and was grand-daughter of King Robert II.

[4] James, 2nd Lord Forbes.

[5] S. John Baptist is mentioned as the patron saint of the church and convent to which the benefaction was made.

C.

The few fragments of this charter yield only this, that the donor

WILLS and ordains that the vicar . . . .
and the curate of the same, along with the chaplains . . . .
of S. Mary, pay . . . .
. . . .

and the names of
John de Fiffe *and* Lawrence Thom.

D.

The fragments of a Royal deed, in the 25th year of the reign of . . . .

E.

(*The original is in old English.*)

THESE are the privileges of the merchants of S(cotland) . . . .
by sundry Earls of Flanders, And first by . . . .
the first laws that were given in Ghent, the year of . . . .

In primis, That all merchants and subjects of Scot(land) . . . . .
in the land of Flanders, with their goods . . . .
and their Custom fare (?) as use is . . . .
Item, That no merchant shall be arrested for . . . .
obliged by name or surname other . . . .
Item, That there may no mercha(nt) . . . .

have so much goods that . . . .
sufficient borrows til . . . .
Item, If it happens . . . .

nor any goods except . . . .
or his officers . . . .
laws gave . . . .
any of them . . . .
to void . . . .

A part is wanting here.

. . . . Well outside the stakes and within four and no more

. . . . comings in again to the haven
. . . . of weather, or holidays, and they want to take out
. . . . put new, they may. Provided that they pay the toll
. . . . if they would take out of a ship, and put in

. . . . a confirmation of their privilege
. . . . authority to follow the merchants' privilege
. . . . shall be honourably received and favou(red)
. . . . expediting of all things that he
. . . . shall be made by the King thereupon, Provided
. . . . statutes of Flanders made or to be made
. . . . any custom or ordinance
. . . . that they be as free as any
. . . . These privileges were
. . . . last days of April

. . . . has done
. . . . Vynland
. . . . day of the
. . . . grace

The rest is wanting.

F.

(Abstract.)

Letter of Sasine given to the Chaplain of the Altar of S. Ann on the part of Mr. John Finlay.

To all to whose notice the present letters shall come . . . . .
of the baillies of the burgh of Aberdene eternal health in the Lord . .
forasmuch as to give testimony to the truth, etc. . . . .
That a venerable man, Mr. John Finalay, Vicar . . . .
armed in love, and seeking (the good) of the church . . . .

for his own soul and the souls of his parents . . . .
in memory of the matter, and pressing for . . . .
his own fore land which . . . .
the land of Walter Aghneif on the east . . . .
on the other side, and the public street . . . .

towards the south ; for the purpose of giving sasine . . . .
to Thomas Davidson, chaplain of the altar . . . .
his successors, to remain perpetually . . . .
usual Scots money . . . .
pre(sent) in Futy,[1] between the lands of the late W. . . . .
on the north side of that which . . . .
of S. Ann, and his successors chap(lains) . . . .
by the hands of two chaplains of the said church . . . .
time about in the year, namely one trenthal (of masses) . . . . . .
foresaid, and his successors . . . .
ten shillings . . . .

A part is wanting here.

. . . . of the said Mr. John, the chaplains being excepted
. . . . and whatever further over and above shall fall to
. . . . what is expressed, to the repair and reformation
. . . . the chaplains of the altar aforesaid. In testimony whereof
. . . . of a . . . man, Patrick Badenach through Mr.
. . . . are affixed at the said burgh
. . . . . . sixty sixth (year) before these witnesses, Andrew Sche(rar),
. . . . Mar, Richard de Hil, Mr. John . . . .
. . . . Duncan Stralogh, sergeand, with . . . .

G.

. . . (*of the Altar*) *of S. Sebastian.*

. . . . William Menzhes, burgess of the burgh
. . . . me ; for the salvation of my wife
. . . . my predecessors and successors
. . . . or have justly possessed, or obtained
. . . . to my heirs in perpetual
. . . . and to all His saints, and to the Altar of S.
. . . . situated . . . and to one chaplain
. . . . shillings and eight pence
. . . . to the aforesaid, namely from the land

[1] *Lat.* in fotino. Dr. Joseph Robertson connects the name "futy" with Saint Fotinus, see *infra* XIX. and XXXVIII.

. . . . of the said burgh on the . . . part
Item from the land of the heir of the late Angus Gleny, lying in the Gallowgate between the lands of Edmund Wa . . . .
on the north side, on the one side, and the lands of John Bortlason on the south the public King's highway towards the south, four shillings annually . . . .
lying in the Grene, between the land of the Trinity Friars on the north . . . .
a waste (land) belonging to the heirs of the late Symon Lam on the south . . . .
east and west, twenty pence annually . . . .
to one chaplain, celebrating there Divine service as allowed . . . .
in perpetual alms, as freely, quietly, fully . . . .
as any benefaction within the said church . . . .
in pure almsdeed is possessed, without any sort, etc. . . . .
. . . .

The rest is wanting.

H.

To all to whom these present letters shall come, John de Kyntor, one of the baillies of the burgh of Aberdene,

. . . who is the true salvation of all. Seeing it is a pious, meritorious, and faithful thing to bear witness . . . by the officers of our lord the King in the exercise of their office . . . .
Gilbert Menzhes, burgess of the said burgh, having personally appeared in my presence and that of divers . . . .
for the increase of Divine service and through . . . .
of S. Sebastian the Martyr, situated in the Church of . . . .
. . (all and) each annual rents from the lands undermentioned, namely
. . . between the land of John Anderson, burgess of the said burgh on the
. . . . of Gilbert Waus on the west side on the other side
. . . . thirty five shillings usual Scots money
. . . lying in the Castle Street on the north side of the same street
. . . . on the one side, and the land of John Watson
. . . . land towards the south, twenty two
. . . . in the Upperkirkgate, between the land

. . . . the land of Thomas Culan on the east side
. . . . and annually. *Item* from the land
. . . . of the said Andrew Thom on the west side
. . . . the east on the other side, and the public way
. . . . *Item* from the land of William Rattray
. . . . on the north, on the one side
. . . . the King's highway towards the west, six
. . . . Sprunt, lying in the Netherkirkgate
. . . . on the east on the one hand, and the land
. . . . the public King's highway towards the south
. . . . of the late John Kyninmond
. . . . of William Letht, chaplain,
. . . . on the other, and the public King's highway
. . . . of Henry Sclater, lying
. . . . south side on the one
. . . . on the other side and the public way
. . . . (of Ang)us Gene lying
. . . . on the one side
. . . . the public way
. . . . of John Reid

Part is wanting here.

Waus, Richard de Kintor, John . . . .
(with) Malcolm Dakyr, one of the sergeants . . . .
persons called . . . .

I.

To all who shall see this charter . . . .
Know that I . . . to my beloved chaplain . . . .
And to his successors at the same altar . . . .
rent of eighteen . . . .
our land, lying at the end . . . .
the land of the heirs of the late . . . .
east and west. *Item* . . . .
lying below The Hedonishill . . . .
on the one side, and the land of Alexander Houison (etc.) . . . . .

and my assigns . . . .
to Sir Robert Leis, etc. . . . .

The rest is wanting.

J.

. . . . of S. Sebastian, the Martyr, and
. . . . of the Church of our patron S. Nicholas of
. . . . of our parents, and of my
. . . . Marion Arbuthnot (my) mother
. . . . twenty shilling usual (Scots money), etc.,
. . . . and from my croft lying near
. . . . called The Halvlands on the, etc.,
. . . .
. . . . for the soul of the said Gilbert Menzes, etc.,
. . . .

The rest is wanting.

XI.

Foundation by the late Thomas Prat, of good memory, burgess of Aberdene, endowing the Altar of SS. Thomas and George. 18th April, 1491. *(Abstract).*

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Thomas Prat, burgess of Abirdene, wisheth eternal salvation in the Lord. Know that I, for the increase of Divine service, in honour of Almighty God, the most Blessed Virgin Mary, and of S. Thomas the Apostle and S. George the Martyr, and all saints, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my parents, wives, predecessors, successors, benefactors, and all the faithful dead, and specially for the souls of those of whom I ever justly had or obtained any benefits, have given . . . to Almighty God, the most glorious Virgin Mary, and all saints, and to the Altar of S. Thomas the Apostle and S. George the Martyr, in the Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdene, and to Sir John Prat, my perpetual chaplain, presented to the same, All and each my annual rents undermentioned lying within the said burgh, namely—One annual rent of twenty shillings from the land of William Chamer lying in the Gallowgate, on the west side of the same street, between the land of James Colison on the south, and the land of Patrick Adamsone on the north: One annual

rent of ten shillings from the land of the late John Walcar in the same street, on the east side thereof, between the land of William Tulidef on the south, and the land of Forsy[1] Davison on the north : One annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from the land of the late John Tailzor in the same street, between the land of the said William Tulidef on the north, and the lands of William Andirsone and Andrew Culane, junior, on the south : One annual rent of seven merks from all and whole my contiguous lands which I recovered from Gilbert Murisone lying in the Shiprow, between the lands of Gilbert Waus of Many and John Andersone on the east and the land of Walter Atkin on the south, and the public King's highways towards the west and north : One annual rent of thirteen shillings and four (pence) from the land of William Buchane lying in the Castle Street, on the north side thereof, between the land of Andrew Litster on the east and the land of John Malison on the west : And one annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from the other land of the said William Buchan, between the common gate of the said burgh on the east on the one hand and the land of Alexander Mathousone on the west on the other hand, and the land of Mr. Richard Craufurde towards the south and the common King's highway towards the north, out of my own estate bought and recovered, to be held . . . by the foresaid Sir John Prat, my perpetual chaplain of the said altar, and his successors . . . the foresaid Sir John and his successors performing and celebrating the Divine services and prayers by use and wont incumbent on a priest, etc. Further, I will, appoint, etc., that the said Sir John, and his successors in this chaplaincy, shall be present personally at vespers, mattins, and all other canonical hours to be celebrated within the choir of Aberdeen. *Item*, I will and bequeath that the chaplain of this foundation enjoy no benefice, chaplaincy, or service outside the foresaid parish church, and if he be promoted to any such, it shall be lawful for me and my heirs to dispose the said (chaplaincy) to any other suitable chaplain. Further, I will that he reside personally within the said burgh, and, if he fail in personal residence, then it shall be lawful for me and my heirs to provide another chaplain for the chaplaincy at our free-will ; the right of patronage of the said chaplaincy remaining to me and my lawful heirs next to me in all time coming. And if it happen that I or my

[1] Or Forfy.

heirs, after a vacancy in the said chaplaincy, have not used this right of presentation within forty days immediately following the vacancy, I will and ordain that the Provost, Baillies, and Council of the said burgh shall have, for that turn, full authority to present a suitable chaplain to the same altar. And if it happen that the said chaplain fail in Divine service at the said altar, or be absent at canonical hours from the said church for forty days on end, except it be on account of sickness, then it shall be lawful for me and my heirs to dispose the chaplaincy at our free-will to any other fit chaplain. Further, if any of my heirs or assigns keep back in whole or in part the foresaid annual rents from the foresaid chaplain, it shall be lawful for the Lord Diocesan for the time being, by his own authority, viz., ecclesiastical censures, to compel him at his soul's peril to make full payment of the foresaid annual rents, and to prosecute and distrain the goods of those who infringe this my grant, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Almighty God, and holy Mother Church, and to curse them so far as it is permitted to a human creature to do, and let them inherit and eternally possess that curse which a father has the right of pronouncing over his son; Reserving, however, to myself the free possession of all the said annual rents, with their pertinents, all the days of my life, etc. In testimony whereof are affixed to this present charter my seal and the seal of an honourable man, Andrew Branche, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and the giver of sasine of the said annual rents to the said Sir John on the *solum* of the foresaid lands. At Abirdene the 18th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1491, before prudent and reputable men, John Colisone, Thomas Martin, William Blinsele, James Gordon, William Colp, burgesses of the said burgh; Andrew Nachty, one of the sergeants of the same; and Sir John Stirveling priest and notary public.

The sum of this chaplaincy is viii*lb.* and xl*d.*

XII.

Foundation by John Stoker endowing the Altar of SS. Crispin and Crispinian. (Translation.)

The late John Stoker of good memory, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, (gave) in perpetual feu to the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of SS. Crispin and Crispinian an annual rent of twenty shillings usual

Scots money to be drawn from tofts and crofts in the Newburghe, for the salvation of his soul, and the souls of his parents, benefactors, and all the faithful departed, etc.

The sum of the Altar of SS. Crispin and Crispinian (is) xxs. with the alms, and now in the time of Mr. William Philpsone the rental is augmented with xls. and xx*d.*; the total being iii*lb.* xx*d.*

XIII.

Thomas Prat.

THE foresaid Thomas Prat, burgess of this burgh, in honour of Almighty God, the most Blessed Virgin Mary, S. Nicholas, the patron of the same (burgh), and specially of Thomas the Apostle and George the Martyr, and all saints, for the salvation of his soul, and the souls of his parents, benefactors, and all the faithful dead, founded, constructed at his own expense, and completed the Altar of the said SS. Thomas and George, situated within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas; and gave and assigned to it the annual rents specified in the preceding charter. Furthermore, the foresaid Thomas, moved with divine zeal, presented to this altar one chalice of silver gilt, two complete vestments for the priest appointed to celebrate at that altar, one missal, four towels or linen cloths fitted for the altar, one pall, namely the forclatht [1] of arras work representing S. George, two cruets, two large candlesticks above the altar and eleven smaller candlesticks on the stand.[2]

XIV.

IN the year of our Lord 1498, on the 18th day of September, in the time of Sir John Prat, chaplain of the Altar of the Holy Cross, there were at that altar one silver chalice, two complete vestments for the priest, one corporal and three towels, with three volumes of the missal, and two pewter candlesticks.

[1] For fore-cloth. The more usual term "frontal" was also employed in Scotland in the 15th century. It occurs in the contemporary records of Trinity College Church, Edinburgh. Laing, *Collegiate Churches of Midlothian*, p. 158.

[2] *Ceroferarium*: either a chandelier or a stand on which votive candles could be fixed and burned; probably the latter.

XV.

Charter by William Meldrum, endowing the Altar of S. Ninian. 17th August, 1490.[1] (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, William Meldrum, lord of Fywe, wisheth eternal salvation in the Lord. Whereas . . . . Know, therefore, that I, for the increase of Divine worship, and in honour of Almighty God, of the most Blessed Virgin Mary His Mother, of S. Ninian the Confessor, and all saints, have given, etc., to Almighty God, to the most glorious Virgin Mary, to all saints, and to the Altar of S. Ninian, situated within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirden, and to Sir Robert Leis, my perpetual chaplain celebrating at the same, and to his successors who shall celebrate there, for my soul, and the souls of my parents, successors, benefactors, and of all the faithful dead, and of those from whom I ever received benefit, all and whole my annual rents underwritten, namely—One annual rent of forty shillings Scots to be drawn annually from all and whole the lands of Wattertoune of Ellon, on the river of Ythane, on the north side of the same: One annual rent of two merks Scots from all and whole the lands of Ordefork, with their pertinents, lying in the lordship of Meldrum, within the shire of Aberdene: One annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from the land of the late John Gregory,[2] lying within the said burgh of Abirden, in the Gallowgate, on the west side of the street, between the land of Walter Wode on the south, and the land of John Culane on the north: One annual rent of ten shillings from the said land of the foresaid Walter Wode, between the land of Alexander Mathoson on the south: One annual rent of ten shillings from the said land of the foresaid John Culane, between the land of David Prat on the north, and the land of the said Walter Wode on the south: and one annual rent of six shillings and eight pence Scots from a certain land now waste and almost uninhabited lying in the Green, on the north side of the house of the Carmelite Friars of the said burgh—to be held, etc., by the said Sir Robert and his successors, the perpetual chaplains of the said altar, from me and my heirs in pure

[1] See *Antiquities of Aberdeen and Banff*, III. 45, where two chaplains of this Altar are mentioned: Mr. Alexander Allardes and Andrew King.

[2] John Gregory could have possessed only what is called a fore land, towards the street. The properties of Wood and Culane must have met at the back.

and perpetual alms for ever, with all rights, etc. . . . the right, however, of patronage of the said chaplaincy, as often as it shall become vacant, remaining to me and my heirs male . . . .
In testimony whereof my seal is appended to this charter at Abirdene the 17th day of August, 1490, in the presence of Sir John Ruthirfurd of Terlane, knight, Provost of Abirdene; Alexander Menzes, Robert Blindsell, Thomas Prat, Alexander Red, Andrew Braunch, Alexander Marr, Andrew Murray, Walter Auchnew, burgesses of Abirdene; John Menzes and William Blinsell, two baillies of the same; and Sir John Streueling, priest and notary public; with many others.

The sum of this chaplaincy is v*lb.* xs.

XVI.

Letters of baillie and possession on the foresaid charter. 17th August, 1490. (*Abstract.*)

William Meldrum of Fyvie, true and undoubted patron of the Altar of S. Ninian the Confessor, situated within the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirden, to honourable men, George Meldrum, my son and apparent heir, to Alexander Chalmers, junior, of Methlik, to John Law and David Crukshank, and to each of them jointly and severally, my baillies specially appointed for this occasion, (wisheth) salvation. Whereas I have given . . . to Sir Robert Leis, my chaplain, one annual rent of forty shillings Scots from the lands of Wattertoune, with its pertinents, lying on the water of Ythane, in the parish of Ellon, and earldom of Buchane, and another annual rent of twenty six shillings and eight pence from my lands of Ordefork, with its pertinents, lying in the lordship of Meldrum, within the shire of Abirden, Whereof I charge and command you to hand over and deliver to the said Robert Leis, my chaplain, or to his certified procurator, the bearer of these presents, sasine and possession to him and his successors of the said annual rents, etc. And in sign of the sasine and possession given by you, let your seal be appended in the second tag after my seal. Given under my seal at the Burgh of Aberdene, 17th August, 1490.

XVII.

Charter of Mr. Duncan Scherar of Betschaur to Andrew Ranison of certain lands burdened with a payment to chaplains. 10th May, 1496. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Mr. Duncan Scherar,

canon of Aberdeen and Parson[1] of Clat, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, with forethought and careful consideration of my own benefit in the matter, have given and surrendered in feu, and confirmed by this present charter, to Andrew Ranison, cordiner burgess of Aberdene, all and whole that land, with its pertinents, belonging to me, lying within the said burgh of Aberdene in the Upperkirkgate, outside the gate on the north side of the said street, between the burn (rivulet) which descends from the Loch of the mills of the said burgh on the east, and the lands of Thomas Meldrum and Andrew Michelsone on the west, and the King's public way on the south, and the Loch on the north, to be held by the said Andrew, his heirs and assigns, from me and my heirs, in feu and heirship of our supreme lord the King, and in free burgage for ever, with all rights . . . the said Andrew . . . doing the usual duties to the King . . . and paying to the perpetual Chaplains of the College of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene one annual rent of thirty shillings usual Scots money, at the two customary terms, namely, Whitsunday and Martinmas . . . Further, the said Andrew, his heirs and assigns, the possessors of the land aforesaid, shall annually, at his own expense, execute buildings and improvements (on the property) at my sight, and at the sight of my heirs and of the chaplains of the said college. And if he fail, etc. . . . In testimony whereof the seals of the said Andrew, and of Andrew Cullan, one of the baillies of the said burgh, are appended at Abirdene 10th May, 1496, before reputable men, Mr. John Kennerty, Sir David Walcar, and Sir William Cruickshank, chaplains; John Andersone, John Tailzour, Adam Ruyerfurde, burgesses and inhabitants of the said burgh; Andrew Nachtic, sergeant; and Sir John Sterueling, notary public.

XVIII.

Minute of Court of Chamberlain's Ayre. 19th July, 1486.

AT the Court of Chamberlain's Ayre, held in the town-house of Aberdeen by a noble man, Alexander Guthre of that Ilk, the deputy and substitute of the magnificent and potent lord, David, Earl of Crafurd,[2] Lord Lindesay, Great Chamberlain of Scotland, 19th July, 1486, on

[1] In the Latin, "rector," but in Scotland "parson" has been the customary rendering.

[2] David, 5th Earl of Craufurd, created Duke of Montrose 1488.

which day the bar being called, and the court legitimately confirmed, with proclamation for the days following. The names of the great Assize—Alexander Chamer, Alexander Menzeis, James Leslie, Robert Blinseile, John Cullane, John Collison, Alexander Red, David Menzeis, William Abirdour, Andrew Branch, Thomas Fif, John Wormet, Thomas Prat, Andrew Murray, Walter Auchneive, Robert Prat, and William Kintor. On which day the said Assize, being fully informed, deliberated over a schedule[1] of secret inquisition presented to them on the said day so far as concerns the tenement belonging to a venerable man, Mr. Duncan Scherar, Parson of Clat, lying outside the gate in the Upperkirkgate, near the bridge of the said street, beside the burn which issues from the Loch of the mills of the said burgh, now in all its parts lawfully founded by the said Mr. Duncan; and (resolved) that it shall be lawful for him to build on the foundation now laid as in length so in breadth, and finally to finish it without loss or prejudice to anyone. Given and extracted from the book of the court by me, Alexander Boiss of Panbride, clerk of the court, and for greater security under the seal of the Chamberlain's Office of Scotland, in the year, month, and place aforesaid, there being present at the same honourable and discreet men, John Ogiluy of Ballundoche, John Dempster of Ouchtirles, Mr. George Stirueling, and Mr. William Barre, notaries public, and many other burgesses of the said burgh, called to witness the foregoing.

Written with my own hand by me, Alexander Boyis[2] of Panbride, notary public, and clerk of the Chamberlain's Ayre.[3]

XIX.

On the vigil of S. Fotinus each year let there be a commemoration of those for whom Mr. Duncan Scherar was personally bound to pray, and let there be a solemn mass at the High Altar on the feast of S. Fotinus—namely, the 23rd of December—along with the other private

[1] *Cedulum* for *schedula*.

[2] The surname is the same as that of the historian, Hector Boece, the first Principal of the University of Aberdeen; he came from the same county as this man, and may have been a relation.

[3] William of Chalmers of Aberdeen ("Willelmus de Camera de Abredon") signs as a witness to a decreet by Robert, Duke of Albany, in the dispute between the community of Ayr and the Friars Preachers anent an annuity of £20 out of the Mills of Ayr. At Perth 25th March, 1406. He may have been present in the suite of Gilbert Greenlaw, Bishop of Aberdeen, who was there as Chancellor of Scotland (*Charters of the Friars Preachers of Ayr*, p. 39).

masses of the other chaplains.[1] This Duncan, who, in his lifetime, was actuated by a remarkable affection for us whenever we had need of his protection, shewed himself, while he lived, faithful not only [*Here there is in the MS. a blank space*]. And after his death let a solemn anniversary be celebrated on the day of his decease.

XX.

Charter by William Chalmer of Fyndon, endowing the Altar of S. Salvator.[2] *12th September*, 1431. (*Abstract.*)

To all Christ's faithful people who shall inspect these letters William Chalmer of Fyndon and of that ilk (wisheth) salvation in the Saviour of all. Know that I have given, and for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my wife, and our children, predecessors and successors, and by those presents have confirmed to the Altar of our Lord and Saviour, founded and erected by me in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, to one chaplain ministering the Divine offices thereat, forty shillings usual Scots money, to be drawn annually in equal parts at the two usual terms from my lands of Brynnas Tull, lying in the Earldom of Buchan ; and always and henceforward the said forty shillings shall be paid to the said chaplain or his certified deputy on account of the ministration to be rendered at the said altar in manner aforesaid, in annual rents within the burgh of Aberdeen, by me and my heirs forever. . . . In testimony whereof my seal is appended to those presents at Abirdene, 12th September, 1431, along with the seal of a venerable man, Sir John Kingorne,[3] perpetual vicar of Abirdene.

The sum of the above is xls.

[1] S. Fotinus is no less a person than the martyred Pothinus, Bishop of Lyons, A.D. 177. The Breviary of Aberdeen declares that "the fame of the blessed saint, extending through the world, reached the north of Scotland, and a basilica in his honour was erected within sight of the river Dee". Bishop Forbes (*Kalendars of Scottish Saints*, p. 351) says this was at Torry. Dr. Joseph Robertson believed that Futy was called after him. Bishop Forbes says he was commemorated June 2, but the date in the Chartulary is confirmed by the Breviary of Aberdeen.

[2] *i.e.*, The Blessed Saviour. The English form is "S. Saviour's," the name given after the Reformation to the great church of S. Mary Ouveries at Southwark. Similar dedications to Our Lord under various aspects occur both in the East and West: thus, "S. Sophia"—the Church of (Christ) the Divine Wisdom, at Constantinople, and "Il Redentore," the Redeemer, at Venice.

[3] This is Sir John Kingorne, *secundus*.

XXI.

Charter by William Chalmer of Fyndoun, endowing the Altar of S. Katherine. 29th September, 1417. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter William Chalmer, laird of Fyndone and burgess of Aberdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know ye that I, for the salvation of my soul, and the soul of Elizabeth, my late wife, and the souls of my father and mother, my predecessors and successors—and especially of those from whom, with or without their will, I have received good—have given, etc., to Almighty God, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to all His saints, and to the Altar of S. Katherine the Virgin set up in the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, (and) to one chaplain, presented to celebrate there in perpetuity, six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence usual Scots money, to be drawn at the usual terms, etc., from the lands (and) annual rents underwritten, namely: From one land lying (in the street) called the Netherkirkgate, on the north side of the same, between the land of the late John Crab on the east, and the land of the late Gilbert Kynross on the west, five shillings.

Item. From one land which formerly belonged to Alexander de Gicht, in the Castle Street, between the land of the late William de Leitht on the east, and the land of the late Adam Pringill on the west, ten shillings.

Item. From the land lying in the Castle Street on the north side of the same street, between the land of Fergus Adam on the east, and the land of the late John Penny on the west, twenty shillings.

Item. From the land which Wilfrid Goldsmith[1] holds from me, lying at the end of the Castle Street opposite the Schipraw, between the land of the late John Stoyle on the south, and the land of Sir Alexander de Kyndeloche, Vicar of Aberdene, on the north, sixteen shillings and eightpence.

Item. From one croft near the Gallowhills which the heir of the late John Corbrande holds from me, three shillings and fourpence.

Item. From the land which Nicholas de . . . holds from me in the Shiprow, between the land of the late Thomas de Mar on the

[1] Galfridus aurifaber.

north, and the land of the said Nicholas on the south, three shillings and fourpence.

Item. From one land lying in the street called Netherkirkgat on the south side of the same, between the land of the late Morice Sucide, sclexar,[1] on the west, and the land of Robert de Garnetuly on the east, nine shillings and sixpence.

Item. From one land lying in the Gallowgate, on the east side thereof, between the land of the late Thomas Spring on the south, and the land of Lawrence de Leitht on the north, twenty-two shillings and sixpence.

Item. From one croft, which is called Grethed, lying on the west side of the Denburn, west of what was the late John, the son of Collin's; and from one croft lying at the end of the croft of Thomas de Mar, between the croft of the late John de Crab on the east, and one croft of the Carmelite Friars of Abirdene on the west, twenty shillings.

Item. From the croft which is called Gallowhills, on the east side of the burgh; and from one croft, which is called Langcroft, between the land of Thomas Vmfray on the south, and the land of the late John, the son of Andrew, twenty shillings.

Item. From the crofts which I have bought from John, the English physician,[2] beside the Stokrud in the Denburn, and at the end of the castle of John de Ressivat, which is called the Kilecroft, four shillings.

Item. From all my lands in Tolly which I bought lately from John Fraser, ten shillings.

To be held, etc., with reservation of the right of patronage to me and my heirs as often as the said chaplain shall die or depart . . . to the payment whereof I bind myself and my heirs through all my lands and possessions, within or without the burgh, and my office as Gatekeeper of the Chapel Royal of our lord the King, etc. And I have given bodily sasine of the same at the said altar, and to the chaplain there celebrating, etc. In testimony whereof I have affixed my seal to the present charter, and have obtained the seal of my lord the most Reverend Father in Christ, Gilbert,[3] by the grace of God Bishop of Abirdene. At Abirdene, 29th September, 1417, before these witnesses: Thomas Roull, then Provost of Abirdene; Andrew Giffarde, Thomas Lamb,

[1] Probably *slater*. [2] Medicus. [3] Gilbert de Greenlaw, Bishop of Aberdeen 1390-1422.

John Fechat, Richard Fechat, John Henryson, Thomas Vmfray, and Robert Johnson, burgesses of Abirdene, with many others.

The sum of this chaplaincy is £6 13*s*. 4*d*.

XXII.

To the Reverend Father in Christ, the Lord William, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See, Bishop of Aberdeen, or to his vicar-general for things spiritual, Alexander Iruyn of Drumme, undoubted lay-patron of the chaplaincy of S. Ninian, in the Church of S. Nicholas, Abirdeen, (doeth) reverence and honour: Whereas the said perpetual chaplaincy, new vacant in law and fact by the death of the late Sir John Chamar, the last true and lawful holder of the same, or otherwise vacant. . . . [have presented[1]] Sir John Blak presbyter of the diocese of Aberdeen to his . . . or his vicar-general, according to the terms of the foundation . . . humbly requiring that you will confer upon the said Sir John, my presentee, the chaplaincy with the rent annexed to it of ten merks yearly from the Park of Drumme, as his predecessors have enjoyed the same. . . . In testimony whereof my seal is appended to these presents at Drum, 9th June, 1495, before these witnesses: John Skene, Gilbert Ross, William Clerk, and William Lutar, with divers others.

XXIII.

Charter by William Futhes to the Vicar and Chaplains of the Choir of our two annual rents.[2] *18th May*, 1500. (*Abstract.*)

William Futhes, burgess of Abirdene, for the increase of Divine service, in honour of Almighty God, the most blessed Virgin Mary, S. Peter the Apostle, and all saints, for the salvation of his soul, and of the souls of Agnes Auchneif, his first wife, and of Elizabeth Crage, his present wife, of their children, parents, benefactors, and those from whom they less justly received any benefits, and of all the faithful dead, grants to the Vicar and Chaplains of the Choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, in the burgh of Aberdene, the following annual rents:—a rent of twenty shillings annually from the land of William Nicholsone

[1] The text appears to be both defective and corrupt.

[2] "xxs. out of Gilbert Hendries and William Menzes waste inland at the back of Hendries land."—*Note, probably of 17th century, on margin of Chartulary.*

on the north side of Castle Street, between the land of William Bynne on the east, and the land of the late Ranald Tailzeor on the west, and the public roads on the north and south. And an annual rent of four shillings Scots from the inland of William Litster, *alias* Spens, in the Upperkirkgate, on the north side, between the land of Agnes Stirueling on the east, and the land of the late Andrew Scherar on the west, and the land of Margaret Buchan on the south. To be held by the said Vicar and Chaplains of the Choir, etc. The said Vicar and Chaplains, and their successors, celebrating every Monday in time to come a Mass of the Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ[1] at the Altar of S. Peter the Apostle, situated within the foresaid church, for the salvation of the souls above mentioned, etc. Sealed at Aberdeen 18th May, 1500. Witnesses—Mr. Alexander Gordone, Canon of Ross; Alexander Reid, Alexander Mathowsone, Sir Andrew Chamer, chaplain; Richard Waus, Andrew Waus, Matthew Branche, William Buchan, John Annand, John Malison, William Crage, Alexander Crage, burgesses of Aberdene; William Scrimgeour and James Leis, sergeants; and Sir John Stirueling, notary public.

XXIV.

Letters of Possession to the Altar of S. Christopher of the Annual Rents founded by the late John Mathewson. 18th Sept., 1470. (Abstract.)

Thomas de Chalmer, one of the baillies of the burgh of Abirdene, certifies that a prudent man, John Mathewson, burgess of the said burgh, came to him and requested that he would pass with him to the lands underwritten (to witness) the giving to Sir John Modane, chaplain, in his own name and on behalf of the Altar of S. Christopher, Martyr, founded anew by the said John Mathewson, and situated in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, Abirdene, sasine and possession of the lands and annual rents following, to wit:—An annual rent of twenty shillings Scots from the tail of the land of John Pantoune of Petmedane on the west side of the Gallowgate, between the land of Andrew Baxter on the south and the land of the heirs of the late John Mar on the north, extending as far in length and breadth as the Loch of the said burgh on the west and the public way towards the east. *Item*, an annual rent of ten shillings from a land lying in the same street, on the east side

[1] See Appendix V.

thereof, between the land of Alexander Goldsmitht on the north and the patrimony of John Walcar on the south, and the public way on the east and west. *Item*, one annual rent of eight shillings from a land in the foresaid Gallowgate, between the land belonging to James de Kintor and his wife on the south, and the land of Michael Blackluggis on the north, the public King's high-way on the east, and the Gastraw[1] on the west. *Item*, one annual rent of twenty shillings from the land of the said John (son of) Matthew which belonged to the late Adam Atheris, lying in the Castlegaithed, between the land of the late William Powtine on the south, and the public King's high-way on the north, and the land of the said John (son of) Matthew on the same side, and the land of William Andersone towards the east, and the public King's high-way on the west. Therefore I, the foresaid baillie, etc., have given sasine to the said Sir John of these annual-rents and invested him bodily in possession of the same . . . at Abirdene 18th September, 1470, before these witnesses—Mathew Fechat, William Rabson, Dauid Farchar, James Craik, Andrew Mar, Richard Modane, Thomas Tailzeour, John Stot, burgesses; Sir Edward Robertson, Robert Gillespy, town-clerk of the said burgh; and Duncan Stralocht, one of the sergeants of the said burgh; with many others.

Item, sixteen shillings and eight pence from the land of David (son of) Matthew lying in Castle Street, on the south side thereof, between the land of John Gillespy on the west and the public King's high-way, leading to the Castle-hill, on the east.

The sum of this chaplaincy is £3 13*s*. 8*d*.[2]

XXV.

Rental of the Altar of S. John the Evangelist, 1501.[3] (*Translation.*)

THE late Richard Cementurius[4] of good memory founded the Altar

[1] This proves that the Guestrow existed as a street before that widening of the south part of the Gallowgate which gave us *Broad* Street.

[2] Produced 28th April, 1601, by Andrew King in form of proof against John King. (Signed) Molleson, clerk. *(Marginal Note in Chartulary.)*

[3] This title is a marginal note in the Chartulary. The date is that of the *Rental*, not of Richard Cementarius, who seems to have lived much earlier. See *infra*, Appendix I., C., No. 1.

[4] Cementarius means "mason". In a charter of Bishop Andrew de Moravia, the founder of Elgin Cathedral, of date 1237, we find Magister Gregorius Cementarius and Ricardus

of S. John the Evangelist for the salvation of his soul, and the souls of his wife, his parents, his benefactors, and all the faithful dead, on the 2nd of February, 1277. Which altar, and the perpetual chaplain thereof, he infeft in a certain large croft called S. John's Croft, lying on the south side of the road which leads to the Crabistane, and in another croft on the west side of the same road, now in the possession of Andrew Ancroft, which brings in to the chaplain of the same (altar) an annual rent of ten shillings and eight pence. The same Cementurius infeft the same (altar) in a certain land lying in the Netherkirkgate, on the north side thereof, now between the land of Sir John Litster on the west, and the land of the late Matthew Wricht on the north, and the public ways on the east and south, from which the chaplain now draws an annual rent of twenty-one shillings and eight pence. *Item*, it was infeft by the late Alexander Kintor and Katherine Ouchtirlouny, for the salvation of their souls, in a garden lying below the Hill of S. Katherine the Virgin. *Item*, in an annual-rent of three shillings from the great croft of the Friars Preachers[1] lying on the west side of the Cemetery of the Parish Church of Abirdene, called the Liddisdaill Croft. *Item*, it was infeft by the late Alexander Kintor in an annual-rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from the land of the late Mr. John Leuynstoun, Vicar of Inuerrugy; and in an annual-rent of two merks from the land of the late Thomas Crafurde on the south side of Castle Street by the said Thomas, and Agnes Kintor, his wife. And the chaplain of the said altar shall annually cause the singers to sing two masses for the salvation of the souls of the late William Kintor, Alexander Kintor, Katherine Ouchtirlouny, and Agnes Crafurd.

Let it be noted that no charter is held concerning this foundation, because after the foundation the burgh of Aberdene was in the hands of the English.

The sum of this chaplaincy is £3 15*s*. 4*d*., exclusive of the croft and toft belonging to it.[2]

Vitrearius (Master Gregory the Mason and Richard the Glazier), of whom the learned Editor of the *Registrum Moraviense*, Mr. Cosmo Innes, remarks that they were "without doubt two of the persons employed" in building the Cathedral. *Registrum Moraviense*, p. 133, and Note, p. xiii.

[1] The Dominican, or Black Friars. This croft seems to have been where the Back Wynd, the Schoolhill, and Belmont Street now stand.

[2] Produced 13th July, 1546. *(Note in the Chartulary.)*

XXVI.

Rental of the Chaplaincy of the Altar of S. Katherine founded by the late Thomas de Chalmer of good memory. At Abirdene 5th March, $150\frac{1}{2}$. *(Translation.)*

In primis from the land of Robert Blinseile lying in the burgh of Abirdene, in the Castle Street, on the north side thereof, thirteen shillings and four pence. *Item*, from the land of John Wormet, on the south side of the same street, ten shillings. *Item*, from the land of the late Thomas Quhit, now Patrick Leslie's, six shillings and eight pence. *Item*, from the land of Janet Wyntone lying in the Netherkirkgate, on the north side thereof, thirteen shillings and four pence. *Item*, from the land of William Andirsone in the Green, near the land of Thomas Gladstane, five shillings. *Item*, from the land belonging to the said altar, on the east side of the same street, six shillings. *Item*, from the lands inhabited by Thomas Pyot and James Pyot, five shillings. *Item*, from the Croft called the Sow Croft, near the Denburne, eight shillings.

Also of the said annual-rents no charter is held.

XXVII.

Rental of S. Peter's Altar. (Translation.)

The Rental of the annual rents of the Altar of S. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, situated in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, Confessor, Aberdeen, to be drawn by the chaplain of the same at the two half-yearly terms of Martinmas in winter and Whitsunday from the lands underwritten. *In primis*, thirteen shillings and four pence from the land of Mr. John Cadiow,[1] lying on the north side of the Upperkirkgate between the land of Adam de Craufurd on the east. *Item*, twenty-six shillings and eight pence from the land of John de Scrogis,[2] on the west side of the land of the late Robert de Tuligreg,[3] on the south side of the Castle Street, and the land of the late John de Mar on the east. *Item*, twenty shillings from the land belonging to the

[1] Now belonging to John Murray, younger. *(Note in the Chartulary.)*

[2] Now belonging to the heirs of Andrew Meldrum. *(Note in the Chartulary.)*

[3] Tillygreig is still the name of a farm in the parish of Udny, Aberdeenshire.

heirs of the late Thomas Rolland,[1] lying on the north side of the Gallowgate, between the land of Thomas Croudan on the north, and the land of Richard Kintor on the south. *Item,* six shillings from the land of John Stevinsone,[2] lying in the New Raw[3] of the Gallowgate, between the land of Andrew Baxtar on the south, and the land of John Quhit on the north. *Item,* five shillings from a certain toft and croft lying in the Constabulary of Durris, within the Sheriffdom of Kyncardine. *Item,* six shillings and eight pence from the land of John Loremar, lying in the New Raw, between the land of Robert Quhit on the north, and the land of Duncan Tailzeour on the south, along with the Manse of S. Peter,[4] lying on the north side of the Castle Street.

The sum of (the income) of the Altar of S. Peter is £3 17*s.* 8*d.*

Item, six shillings from the land of Robert Kennerty, lying in the Netherkirkgate on the north side, between the land of the late James Kennerty on the west, and the land of Andrew Straton on the east, the King's high-way on the south, and the little garden on the north. It holds this land from Mr. David Menzes, then chaplain, with consent of the patrons, as its own evidents, made thereon under the common seal, remain to show.

XXVIII.

Charter by Thomas Chalmer of Murthill, endowing Altar of S. Katherine. 24th March, 143$\frac{7}{8}$. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter Thomas Chalmer of Murthill, burgess of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, for the salvation of my soul, and of Elizabeth, my wife—and specially for the souls of those from whom, justly or unjustly, I have or obtained any good things—etc. . . . have given forever to Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, and all His saints, and to the Altar of St. Katherine the Virgin, within the Church of S. Nicholas of

[1] Now belonging to Gilbert Menzes. *(Note in the Chartulary.)*

[2] Now belonging to the chaplains of the choir. *(Note in the Chartulary.)*

[3] The New Raw must have run north and south, parallel to the Gallowgate, as the neighbouring tenements are on the north and south sides respectively of this property. Was it the Guestrow, then a *new* street?

[4] On or near the same site is the oldest Roman Catholic Church in Aberdeen, with the same dedication to S. Peter.

Abirdene, and to one chaplain presented thereto, for celebrating (mass) perpetually: Four merks (Scots), to be drawn half-yearly from the tenements, crofts, and annual-rents underwritten. From the Gallowhills, thirteen shillings and four pence. From William the son of Matthew two tenements lying in the Gallowgate, on the east side of the street, between the land of Christian de Kynnor[1] on the north, and the land of the late William Gowill on the south, ten shillings. From William Scherar's tenements near the church, lying in the Netherkirkgate between the two public ways on the north and on the west respectively, ten shillings. And from the tenement of James de Balfour, presbyter, lying in the Green next to the Carmelite Friars, six shillings and eight pence. And from the croft which is called Mary-croft, beside the spring of the blessed Virgin Mary,[2] in the territory of Denburne, six shillings and eight pence. And from the croft which is called Celiwerd, lying in the territory of the Denburne, between John de Kynnynmond's croft on the south, and the Carmelite Friars' croft on the north, six shillings and eight pence. To be held, etc., . . . saving only my free possession of the said four merks for the whole period of my life. And if, after a vacancy has occurred in the said chaplaincy, I or my heirs have not used our right of presentation to the same within twenty-one days immediately following, I will and promise that the Provost[3] of the said burgh, with advice of the privy council of the same, shall have full power to present a fit chaplain. . . . And I have given sasine and possession of the same in the hands of a prudent man, John Burnat, then one of the baillies of the burgh of Aberdeen. . . . In witness whereof I have appended my seal, and the seal of an honourable man, John de Fif, then Provost, and the common seal of the burgh of Abirdene, along with the seal of the foresaid John Burnard, one of the baillies. . . . Done at Abirdene, 24th March, 1437, before honourable witnesses, men prudent and of good repute: the said John de Fif, then Provost; Gilbert de Menzeis, Richard de Rutherfurd, John Vokat, Andrew de Cullane, Andrew Branche, Adam de Hill, Thomas Umfray, William de Caidiou, town-clerk, Angus

[1] Kinnoir is the name of an old parish in Aberdeenshire, now part of Huntly.

[2] The locality is commemorated in Marywell Street.

[3] *Prepositum*. In such minutes of the Council at this period as are in English the title of the chief magistrate is invariably Alderman.

Adam, Stephen Johnstone, John Alexander, Moyses Alexander de Spense, and William Mathewson, burgesses of the said burgh, along with Henry Sclater and William Atkinson, two of the sergeants, with many others.

The sum of the chaplaincy founded by the late Thomas de Chalmer is £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

XXIX.

Charter by William of Strabrock endowing Altar of S. James. 25th March, 1340.[1] (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, William de Strabrock,[2] burgess of Aberdeen, and laird of Fowren, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, with consent and assent of William de Strabrock, my son and heir . . . have given to the Altar of S. James the Apostle, in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, six merks sterling of annual rents to be drawn for ever from the lands underwritten, viz.—Forty shillings sterling from the land which Arthur de Aberporthoc formerly held from me in feu lying in the Castle Street, on the north side, between the land then belonging to Bidr (?) Dichly on the west and the land of the heir of the late John de Rossy on the east; and if the heirs of the said Arthur are unwilling to hold the said land for the said feu-duty, then I will that the said land, with its pertinents, remain for ever the possession of the said Altar of S. James, rendering henceforth service to our lord the King only. And twenty shillings sterling from the land which Ninian Stryle holds from me in feu, lying in the Castle Street, between the land of Thomas de Strane on the west and the land of Robert de Salchot on the east. And seventeen shillings and eight pence sterling from the land which Hugh de Rodinum holds of me in feu, lying in the Castle Street opposite the Cross, between the land of Robert de Edynhuim on the south and the land of William Ettel on the north. And one part of land lying in the street of Foty, which was formerly called Redbacks (Rubea Postrina), of whatever value it may be . . . To be held, etc. . . . with reservation of the right of presenting to the Lord Diocesan of Abberdene a suitable chaplain to celebrate at this altar

[1] See *Registrum Aberdonense*, I. 67.

[2] Alderman of the burgh from 1329-31, and again from 1333-34. (*Supra*, p. 12.)

when need is, etc. In testimony whereof my seal is appended to this charter and, at the instance of my heir, the seal of a venerable Father in Christ, the Lord Bishop, by the grace of God, of Abberdene, and the common seal of the burgh of Abirdene. Done, given, and written at Abirdene on the Saturday in the Feast of the Annunciation[1] of the blessed Virgin Mary, in the year of grace 1340.

Copy certified by William Philipsoun, notary public, 19th December, 1526.

XXX.

Presentation of Alexander Club to Chaplaincy of the Altar of the Holy Cross. 30th September, 1461.

LET it be plain to all by these presents that I, Alexander Howyson, burgess of Abberdene, have presented . . . a discreet man, Sir Allexander Club, chaplain of the diocese of Aberdeen, to serve the chaplaincy,[2] of ten merks yearly rental founded by me at the Holy Cross Altar, commonly called "The Browne Croiss," in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, in the said burgh, etc. . . . In testimony whereof my seal is appended to these presents at the said Burgh of Abberdene 30th September, 1461.

XXXI.

Attestation by the Burgh of Alexander Howyson's endowment of the Altar of the Holy Cross. 30th September, 1461. (*Abstract.*)

To all and sundry to whose notice these letters shall come, the Provost, Councillors, and Baillies of the Burgh of Abberdene wish health. Forasmuch as it is pious, etc., to bear testimony to the truth, especially in these things in which the hiding of the truth may beget loss and prejudice to the innocent,[3] wherefore whereas a prudent man, Allexander Howyson, son and heir of the late John Howyson, burgess of the said burgh, appearing personally before us, declared that he, for the increase of Divine worship, and for the salvation of the souls

[1] 25th March.

[2] It was the endowment that was founded by Howyson, not the Altar, which was much older—1357. *Cf.* ix. and xxxi.

[3] An unusual and interesting form.

of his father and his mother, of his own soul, and the soul of Isabella Culanne, his wife, etc. . . . has given to Almighty God, and to His Mother the blessed Virgin Mary, and to all saints, and to the Altar of the Holy Cross called "The Browne Croise," situated in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, Confessor, of the said burgh, and to Sir Allexander Club, chaplain, for the whole term of his life . . . and for a perpetual chaplain to celebrate there, an annual rent of ten merks Scots . . . from the lands and crofts underwritten, namely —From a certain land lying in the head of the Castle Street, between the land[1] of the heirs of the late William Pulti on the south and the public King's high-ways on the north and west, twenty shillings Scots. From the land of John Ratree in the same street, on the north side, between the land of Robert Blyndeseile and the land of David de Kyntor, thirteen shillings and four pence. And from the great croft of William Cryne lying in the Faty, of which croft half is in the hands of the heirs of William Adamson and the other half in the hands of the heirs of the said William Cryne, between the croft of William Blyndseile on the north and the croft of the heirs of the late William de Leith, laird of Bernis, on the south, twenty shillings. And from his own two fore-lands lying in the Gallowgate, on the east side thereof, between the land of John Stevynson on the north and the land, then John Paterson's, but now William Buchan's, baker, on the south, thirteen shillings and four pence. And from the land, then Adam Cardeny's, but now belonging to the heirs of David Paterson, lying in the street (called) "The Gastrawe," between the land of Mathac Glaster on the north and the land of David Symson, now being in the hands of William Vormot, on the south, fourteen shillings. And from the land of the said Mathac Glaster lying collaterally in the same street, between the land of the late David Blaber, now being in the hands of John Knollis, on the north and the lands of the heirs of the late David Patersoune on the south, thirteen shillings and four pence. And from the land of the late William Cadeowe[2] in the Gallowgate, now being in the hands of Mr. Andrew Bisset, Chamberlain of the Lord Bishop,

[1] This is the site of the old Record Office (now, in 1891, removed, to the great injury of the appearance of the fine old square), at the corner of Justice Street and Castle Street.

[2] A witness, if any is required, to the proper pronunciation of Cadzow. The modern "z" in such words is simply a mistake for the short "y" formerly in use.

between the land of the heirs of Thomas Chawmer on the north and the land of John Doncanson of Banf on the south, sixteen shillings and eight pence. And from the land of William Beelde in the street of Sculhill, between the land of Thomas Meldrum on the east and the land of Allexander Crag on the west, nine shillings and four pence. And from the land of the foresaid Allexander Crag, lying collaterally in the said street, and between the land of the foresaid William Beelde on the east and the land of Alexander Vilsoune on the west, two shillings. And from his own croft, commonly called the "Cragvele" (Craigwell), lying to the west of the said burgh, near the King's high-way which leads to Rubbislaw, called the Lonyne (Loaning), on the south of the said way, having the Carmelites' croft on the south side and the said King's high-way on the north, thirteen shillings and four pence. Of which ten merks and annual rents Andrew Scherar, one of the baillies of the said burgh, according to the said Alexander Howyson's admission and assertion, gave and assigned to the said Sir Alexander Club institution and real and corporal possession at the said altar, for himself and for his successors serving at the said altar, with all power of levying and taking the same and of distraining for them. And by reason of the foundation and possession of this altar, we have, by these presents, conferred the rights of the patronage of the said altar on the said Allexander himself and his successors; the right of patronage of the said chaplaincy and altar to remain in perpetuity with his heirs and successors.

In the attestation of all and each provision whereof the said Sir Allexander Club sought and obtained that our common seal which we use in causes should be appended at the said burgh the last day of September, 1461, before these witnesses—Richard de Kintor, then Provost; Andrew Menzes, Andrew Alanson, John Mar, John Scrogis, Andrew Scherar, John de Kyntor, baillies; Thomas Alanson, Robert Boide, Mr. Robert Stewart, Sir John Morison, chaplain; John Vaus, sergeant; with many others.

XXXII.

Decreet by Burgh Court in dispute between Sir Alexander Club and Sir John Modane, 1471. (Translation.)

To all and each to whose knowledge these letters shall come the Provost, Councillors and Baillies of the burgh of Abberdene wish salva-

tion and the Divine blessing. Seeing it is pious and meritorious to bear faithful testimony to the truth—and particularly in those things which find due and legal termination before the judges—whence it is that, whereas, before us sitting as a tribunal in the town-house of the said burgh, on the Monday after the Feast of S. John the Divine,[1] in the year 1471, in full head-court there holden, there came to our bar Sir Allexander Club, chaplain and procurator of the Holy Cross Altar, commonly called "The Browne Croyce," with his procurator, Doncan Sawchar of Murcroft, on the one side, and Sir John Modane, chaplain of S. Christopher, on the other. And there came from Robert Gillespy, town-clerk of the said burgh, three processes lawfully drawn by them, in the three capital agreements as is contained more fully in the book of the acts of our court, concerning the recovery of possession of the middle part of a certain fore-land lying in the head of the Castle Street, between the land of the heirs of the late William Pulti on the south, and the land of John Mathosone on the north; and concerning a middle part of the in-land of the same, lying between the land of William Adamsoune on the west, and the common King's vennel leading to the Castle-hill of the said burgh on the east, on account of the failure to pay an annual rent of twenty shillings (Scots) due from the same, as is alleged, to the said altar, and for a long time not paid: which processes having been read through with a loud and intelligible voice in open head-court, and the allegations of both sides having been heard, and evidents, charters, and foundations produced, shown, inspected, and understood, the said Sir Allexander Club, in the name aforesaid, instantly petitioned that law and justice should be done to him in regard to the foresaid lands; and the time expected being come, and all things finished as the law requires, the court being well advised, and the beadles having called for objectors and none appearing, decreet was made by the court, and intimated by the mouth of William Sereff, crier to the court, that the said Sir Allexander Club, in the name aforesaid, had lawfully recovered possession of the said lands and their pertinents, with the rents and incomings thereof, on account of the failure to pay the foresaid annual rent, and perpetual silence was imposed on the said Sir John Modane

[1] 27th December.

and all others making any claim to the above. Of all which the said Sir Allexander Club requested that our letters testimonial should be given him, which we conceded, under the Round Seal[1] which we use for causes corroborated by impression of our seal. Before these witnesses: Richard Kyntor, John Mar, Andrew Alanson, Andrew Schcrar, David Colisoun, Thomas Fyf, Thomas de Chalmer, Allexander Blyndesele, David Mathosone, Robert Gillespy, and Philip Dumbrek, sergeant, and divers others.

The sum of the rental of the chaplaincy of Holy Cross, called "le Brovne Croice," £6 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item from a certain croft of John Colysoune's, called "The Kyle Croft," going down from the Kiln to (the) Loch Croft of the same street, two shillings. *Item* from a certain land lying in the Grene, between the land of the heirs of Robert Club on the north, and the garden of Gilbert Murison on the south, between the two burns flowing down to the House of the Holy Trinity, and the Nether Mill,[2] now in the hands of Patrick . . . , nine shillings.

XXXIII.

Rental of the Revenues of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the South Choir[3] of the Church of S. Nicholas of the Burgh of Aberdene, drawn up in the Provostship of John Vaus, 1444.[4] (Translation.)

In primis, in the Upperkirkgate.

From the land of Robert Valanch, on the north side of the same street, between the land of Thomas Club on the west and the common vennel leading from the Loch of the said burgh on the east, two shillings. *Item*, from the land which Andrew Thomson, shoemaker, now holds, on the north side of the street, between the land of John

[1] The Round Seal. Most probably the seal afterwards known as the Secret Seal.

[2] The Nether or Tarnty Mill. For the position of the mill see Gordon's map, 1661.

[3] The South Choir was the South Transept, "Drum's Aisle".

[4] 4th Nov., 1521. Produced in form of proof by Mr. Thomas Shuter, Curate of Aberdeen, against John Vschar. *(Note in the Chartulary.)* The date 1444 must not be taken to exclude subsequent entries: *e.g.*, Mr. Thomas Chamer, whose "new house" in the Green is mentioned, flourished half a century later; see xxxiv.

Traile on the east and the land of the late Angus Blak on the west, five shillings. *Item*, from the land of William Fitchet, the son of Richard, on the said north side, between the land of John Stewart on the east and the land of the heirs of the late Nicholas Loryman on the west, twelve pence. *Item*, from the land of Nicholas de Carnbee in which he dwells, lying on the said north side, between the land of John Rogerson on the east and the land of Thomas Murreff on the west, six shillings and eight pence.

Revenues of the said Altar in the Gallowgate.

In primis, from the land of William Fichet, the son of the late Nicholas Fichet, lying on the west side of the said street, between the land of Adam de Hill on the north and the land of Thomas Lyp on the south, two shillings and six pence.

Item, from a croft lying at the north end of the said street, on the east side thereof, between the croft of John Bertlousoun on the north and the croft of John de Scrogis, father, on the south, two shillings and six pence.

Item, from the land of Allexander Gray in which he dwells, lying on the east side of the said street, between the land of Andrew Benying on the south and the land of the said Allexander on the north, six shillings and eight pence.

Item, from the land of Thomas Blyndsele lying in the Buthrawe[1] of the foresaid street, on the west side of the same, between the land of William Fodryngamme on the north and the land of the late David Traile on the south, six shillings and eight pence.

Item, from the land of the heirs of the said late David Traile and John Gray lying in the Buthraw aforesaid, between the land of the foresaid Thomas Blyndseile on the north and the land of Simon Blaber on the south, six shillings and eight pence.

Item, from the land of Robert Fraser lying in the Buthraw aforesaid, between the public King's high-way on the north and the land of William de Fodringamme on the south, three pounds six shillings and eight pence.

[1] The Buthrawe, *i.e.*, The Booth-row, or line of shops. It was better known by the name of the Hucksters' Raw, to the east of Broad Street, demolished (1870) to make room for the present Municipal Buildings.

Item, from the new building of Allexander Fraser, the late father of the said Robert lately deceased, it is to be noted that the said annual rent is conceded from the ground of the said land, no other taking precedence of it.

Revenues of the said Altar in Castle Street.

From the land called "The Newport" held by the heirs of the late Andrew Kymysoune and John Robertson of Elgyn, lying between the land of John Benyng on the west and three public King's high-ways[1] on the north, east, and south, twenty shillings and eight pence.

Item, from the land of the late Henry Prestoun, now held by Gilbert Menzes, lying on the north side of the said Castle Street, between the land of John Kyntor on the west and the land of Adam Benyng on the east, sixteen shillings.

Item, from the land of John Scherar of Deer, lying on the north side of the said street, between John Bowar's land, wherein the said John Scherar dwells, on the east and the land of John Benyng on the west, ten shillings.

Item, from the land of John Archer, lying in the fosse of the castle, between the land of William Pulti on the south and the common King's highway on the north, five shillings.[2]

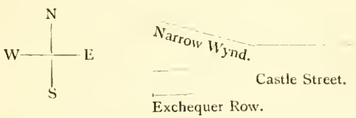
In the street of Futy.

Item, from the croft of Allexander Cryne beside the streamlet called Colcrike, on the south side thereof, five shillings.

In the Grene.

Item, from the land of John Club, dyer, lying on the east side of the aqueduct (the mill-lade), between the land of the said John on the south and the land of Allexander Kyntor on the north, two shillings.

[1] Three ways.



[2] Produced 9th Dec., 1530, in the case of Mr. Shaw against Sir Andrew Scherar. *(Note in the Chartulary.)*

Item, from the land once belonging to Adam de Bedis, which William de Coutis now holds, between the land of the late William de Stradee on the south and the three public ways on the south, east, and north, eight pence.

Item, from the land of Allexander Andersoun and the land of Thomas Andersoun, lying between the land of the late Matthew Ettale, now held by John Sprunt, on the south and the vennel which lies on the south side of the Cemetery of the Church of S. Nicholas on the north, three shillings and four pence.

Item, from the land belonging to the late William Scherar which he feued to Sir Allexander de Irwyne, laird of Drum, Knight, and the tail of the same to William Baxster, lying between the land of the foresaid William Scherar on the east and the common vennel which lies on the east side of the Cemetery of the Church of S. Nicholas on the west, four shillings.

Item, from the new-built land of Master Thomas Chamer, Curate of Aberdene, lying outside the gate of the Gallowgate, on the east side of the King's high-way, as well from the houses as from the crofts, five shillings; with twelve pence of augmentation (given) thereafter by the same Curate.

In the Shiprow.

From the land which Thomas Branche now occupies, lying on the west side of the same street, between the land of Robert Sprunt on the north, and the land of Thomas Blyndseile on the south, five shillings.

Item, from the land of John Stokar lying in the Upperkirkgate, between the lands of Adam Litster and John Catnes, ten shillings.

Item, from the lands of the said John Stokar, in the Grene beyond the bridge, ten shillings.

Item, from the land of the late Galfrid Burnat in the Gastrawe, between the lands of John Robertson and John Gray, four shillings.

Item, from the land of Andrew Balhuny, now held by John Gregory, in the Grene, two shillings.

Item, from the land of the late John Cruickshank, lying in the Netherkirkgate, seven shillings.

Item, from the land of the late John Sprunt lying in the Netherkirkgate, between the land of the late David Gethane on the east, and

the land of the late Andrew Cumyne, butcher, on the west, three shillings and four pence.

Item, from the land of the late Robert Gillespy, lying in Castle Street near the hill, twelve pence.

Ornaments of the said Altar.

In primis, one chalice of silver, gilt.

Item, one missal of parchment.

Item, three chasubles and two tunicles of silk, with a black cope of silk (and) a third chasuble of white linen.

Item, two albs and two amices.

Item, two towels.

Item, two antependiums for the altar—one of arras, and the other of silk, mounted on wood.

Item, two frontals—one of arras, and the other of black worsted.

Item, one large frontal of red worsted, which goes round the whole altar amply.

Item, one long chest, and another round one, well bound with iron and locked.

Item, a four ounce hearse.[1]

Item, two linen vestments for Lent—one before the altar, and the other before the tabernacle above the altar.

But who gave these ornaments is not known.

The patrons of the said chaplaincy and altar are the Provost, Council, and community of the town.

XXXIV.

Presentation of Mr. Alexander Fyf to Chaplaincy of Altar of S. Mary. 14th December, 1484.

To all who shall inspect these letters, the Provost, Baillies, Councillors, and certain of the community of the burgh of Aberdene, representing for the time being the whole body of the said town, wish health in the Lord. Know that we have unanimously and freely given to our much-loved and well-deserving Mr. Allexander Fyf, chaplain, our chaplaincy of the Altar of S. Mary the Virgin, the most glorious Mother of

[1] *Erca*, for *erchia*. Whence (Fr.) *herse*, (Scot.) *hearse*.

God, in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the said burgh, vacant by the death of the late Sir Andrew Scheres, the last chaplain and possessor thereof, with every right belonging to our presentation and disposal of the same, for the whole term of his life, to administer it as his predecessors, the chaplains of the said altar, served it in the customary Divine offices with possession of the foresaid chaplaincy and altar, requiring due execution of the same by all our neighbours whom it interests or may interest, that to the said Mr. Allexander or his agents, in everything that concerns all the fruits, revenues accruing or occurring, oblations, emoluments, rights and pertinents of the said altar, they promptly respond, obey and give heed, for all which we commit to him by these presents the power of distraint, etc. In testimony whereof our common seal is appended to this our grant, to remain forever, in the presence of the said Mr. Allexander. At Aberdene, 10th December, 1484.

The sum of the rental of S. Mary's is £10 and 40*d*.

[1] Mr. Thomas Chawmer, chaplain of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, adorned the said altar with two antependiums—namely, frontals—one of silk, and the other of cloth of gold, both being round the whole altar. And the said Mr. Thomas decorated the said altar with a printed book,[2] and three albs, and three towels, and twenty-five wax candles above the altar.

I REQUIRE that there be inscribed in this book the new rental recovered by me, Mr. Thomas Chawmer, Curate of Abberden and chaplain of the said altar, corrected by the possessors of houses and crofts of that time, in the year of our Lord 1513, in the provostship of an honourable man, Gilbert Menzes.

(Signed) Thomas Chawmer, Notary Public,
With my own hand.

[1] At this point the handwriting changes.

[2] *Liber ex pressura.* It may be allowable to conjecture that this "printed book"—not written, as hitherto—was a copy of Bishop Elphinstone's Aberdeen Breviary, which issued from the press of Chapman of Edinburgh 1509-10.

XXXV.

Charter by Mr. Duncan Scherar, endowing the Altar of S. Andrew in the Cathedral Church. 1st March, 150½. (Abstract.)

To all the faithful in Christ who shall see or hear this charter, Mr. Duncan Scherar, Prebendary of Clat and Canon of Aberdeen, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Whereas . . . therefore, I, the said Mr. Duncan, led by the effect of pious devotion, in honour of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, of the most glorious Virgin Mary, of S. Andrew the Apostle, and of SS. Moloc[1] and Fotinus and all saints of God, in augmentation of a chaplaincy, and of one fit chaplain to celebrate perpetually in the Cathedral Church of Abirdeen, at the Altar of S. Andrew, founded in part from of old by the late Mr. Lawrence Pyot, of good memory, sometime Archdeacon (of Aberdeen), in order anew to amplify, endow and augment that chaplaincy, the Lord favouring me, have disposed and arranged concerning the lands and annual rents underwritten, with consent and assent of my lord, the Lord William, Bishop of Abirdeen, and the chapter of the same, as is more fully contained the letters patent made for me concerning the patronage of the same. Know, therefore, all of you, that I, with the consent and assent aforesaid, and seeking the contemplation of God, have given, . . . and . . . in mort-main,[2] as far as it is in my power, have confirmed to God, and to the most glorious Virgin Mary, and S. Andrew, S. Moloc, S. Fotinus, and the said altar and chaplain to celebrate there for the salvation and the souls of James the Fourth, now the most illustrious king of Scots, and of the reverend father in Christ and lord, the Lord William, now Bishop of Abirdeen, and for my soul, and the souls of my father and mother, and the former founders of the same chaplaincy, of our parents and successors, of my brothers, sisters, and benefactors, and all others living or dead, from whom I ever received any good things, and did not fully repay the same—that whole tenement or land of mine newly built, lying in the

[1] S. Moloc, Bishop and Confessor, is connected with the foundation of the two Highland Sees of Argyle (Lismore) and Ross, and was the reputed founder of many ecclesiastical establishments, chiefly in the Western Isles. Bishop Forbes (*Scottish Kalendars*, 409) gives his date 592. The Church of Clatt, of which Scherar was Parson, was dedicated to S Moloc; there was a yearly fair in that parish called S. Malloch's Fair. *Cf.* also *Registrum Aberdonense*, I. 214, 234; II. 411.

[2] *Ad mortuam manum.*

University of Abirdeen between the public king's highway on the east, and the lands of Setone on the west, the land of Mr. Adam Gordon, Precentor of Moray on the south, and the public vennel on the north. And one annual rent of ten shillings from the land of Andrew Kennerty, lying in the same University of Abirdeen, between the land of John Zong on the south, and the land of William Wilsoune on the north. Know, moreover, that I for my soul's health, and for the souls aforesaid have given . . . to one youth, a student in arts of my blood, if such be found apt for literary studies, who shall make personal residence in the New College of the University of Abirdeen, all and each the annual rents undernoted, extending annually to the sum of three pounds ten shillings, viz., one annual rent of ten shillings from the land of the late William Andrissoune, lying in the burgh of Abirdene in the Netherkirkgate, between the land of the late David Symsoune on the south, and the land of the late David Watsoune on the south, and the public king's highway on the east; and one annual rent of twenty shillings from the land of John Collisoune lying in the Gallowgate on the east side of the same street, between the land of the late William Cantuly on the south, and the land of Richard Hill on the north. And one annual rent of twenty shillings from the land of Sir John Ruthirfurde, Knight, lying in the Upperkirkgate of the said burgh, on the south side thereof, between the land of Richard Wauss on the east, the running burn on the west, the public king's highway on the north, and the land of the late Thomas Cullane on the south. And one annual rent of five shillings from the land of William Amfra, lying in the burgh of Kintor called the Perk, on the north side of the street of the same, between the land of John Smart on the east and the loch of the said burgh on the west. And one annual rent of five shillings from the land of the said John Smart, lying on the south side of the same street, between the land belonging to the heirs of the late John Forbes on the east and another land of the said John Smart's on the west. And one annual rent of four shillings from two roods of the said John Smart's on the south side of the said street, between the land of John Dennys on the west and the common vennel on the east. And one annual rent of three shillings from four roods of William Thomsoune's, lying in the said burgh of Kintor, on the north side of the King's high-way, between the land of William Myl on the north and east. And one annual rent

of two shillings from two roods of Andrew Kelle's, lying within the said Burgh of Kintor, on the south side of the said village, whereof one lies between the land of the Hospital of S. Thomas of Abirdene on the east and the land of Fergus Philpe on the west, and the other rood lies between the land of John Kelle on the east and the land of the Hospital of S. Thomas on the west. And one annual rent of twelve pence from two roods lying in the same burgh, between the land of John Smart on the west and the land of the said Hospital on the east. KNOW further that I have given, etc., to venerable men, the lords, masters, chaplains, and boys founded, or to be founded, in the New College of the University of Abirdene one annual rent of twenty shillings, to be drawn yearly from the land of Richard Hil, lying in the said Burgh of Abirdene, in the Gallowgate, on the east side of the street, between the land of John Collisone on the south and the land of the late Duncan Lundoris on the north, for one Anniversary to be celebrated at the High Altar for those for whom I am bound to pray on the Feast of S. Moloc[1] annually so long as I shall live, and, after my death, they and their successors shall celebrate for the salvation of my soul, and of the souls of my parents, benefactors, and all the faithful dead, annually, on the day of my decease, a Solemn Anniversary, namely, the office of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the night before, and a musical mass on the day, with a trenthal of masses in the week following. MOREOVER their collector shall annually place upon my monument a table, and cover the same with a decent pall, and find lights, as the custom is in such anniversaries. All and whole the tenements and annual rents aforesaid to be held from me and my heirs in pure and perpetual alms by the foresaid Chaplain of S. Andrew's Altar, bursar, and the lords masters, chaplains, and boys of the New College of Abirdene, and their successors, as freely, etc., as any church lands or rents are held in Scotland, etc. FURTHER, I will that if no young man of my blood apt for studies be found, another who is apt be presented at each vacancy. And I will that the chaplain, be he who he may, who is to celebrate at the Altar of S. Andrew, shall not hold another cure or benefice, except it be a benefice or office so small in value that the said chaplain can lawfully hold and minister, as is prescribed in the said chaplaincy, (can) make personal residence in the New College and at his chaplaincy as

[1] 25th June.

aforesaid. Therefore, when it happens that the said chaplaincy is vacant, whether by death, or by (the chaplain's) being called to some other service, or by the departure of the student, or in any other way, I will, ordain, etc., that the presentation to the said chaplaincy and bursary belong to me during my earthly life, and after my decease to my Reverend Lord William, now Bishop of Abirdene, during his earthly life, and after our decease to my lords the presiding[1] dean and chapter of Abirdene, and (if it happens the presiding dean and chapter, without lawful cause, fail to present to the said chaplaincy so vacant, or to the student's bursary, for above forty days from the day that the vacancy was notified to them, then) to the Rector of the University of Abirdeen and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, both for time being. Neither to the altar thus founded in part by me, nor to the bursary, shall it be competent for any one to intrude a chaplain or bursar against my will, at least during my lifetime, except that the said tenement and annual rents, with their pertinents, shall remain irrevocably set apart for the support of one chaplain and one student bursar and for my anniversary as aforesaid after my decease. ALSO I will and ordain that the said chaplain be held bound yearly (to say) the *Placebo* and *Dirige* of my obit on the night preceding my decease and to celebrate a mass on the morrow. FURTHER, I will and ordain that the said chaplain, for the time being, on all Lord's days, festival days, and vigils of the same, shall be present, clad in his surplice, in the choir of the said church, or in the choir of the new College, as it shall please my Reverend Lord (Bishop) that now is and (my) lords of the chapter, and this after my decease also. FINALLY, I will and ordain that the patrons of the said chaplaincy, and each of them, shall faithfully observe and fulfil, and cause to be fulfilled, the settlements aforesaid in all the points thereof, as they will give account thereof in the last judgment. MOREOVER, I ordain that if it happen—which God forbid—that the said College fail, and Divine service there be put a stop to, a year and a day thereafter the said anniversary and stipend of the bursar shall be incorporated, as if from this present, into one holding[2] and annexed to the Cathedral

[1] *Precedentem* I take to be a mistake for *presidentem*.

[2] The right reading of the text is *corpor vnio*. *Unio*, in matters relating to ecclesiastical benefices, is such an amalgamation of benefices that the fruits of two are held under one and the same title (Migné).

Church of Abirdeen, and that equal distribution be made among the vicars-choral, so far as the anniversary goes, the tenor of my deed notwithstanding, as if it had been in the College instead of the Cathedral. And then lastly—which God forbid—after a year and a day from the ceasing of lectures and Divine service (except it be for a universal plague) then the said bursar and his successors in time to come shall serve in the Cathedral of Abirdeen, and shall pray for me and the before-mentioned souls as aforesaid. YET so that if it happen that the said College shall anew be brought together, and the Divine office, and literary studies, and scholastic acts be again exercised therein, then, all this notwithstanding, the foundation of the said bursary and anniversary shall freely return to the College, as expressed above. MOREOVER, I will and ordain that the perpetual chaplain of the said altar, and his successors, shall maintain in sufficient repair the foresaid tenement or land, so that it may remain for the future fresh and standing. In testimony whereof my seal is appended to this present charter at the University of Abirdeen 1st March, 1501, in presence of men discreet and of good repute—Mr. Matthew Pacok, Mr. Andrew Patersoune, Sir Gilbert Chamer, Vicar of Tulicht; David Liell, and Sir John Stirueling, notary public; with divers others.

XXXVI.

Rental of the Annual rents belonging to the Altar of S. Andrew in the Cathedral Church of Abirdeen.

IN PRIMIS, in Robert Blinseille's old tenement lying in the Castle Street of the burgh of Abirdeen, between the land of William Rettre on the east, and the land of Alexander Watsoune on the west, xxs. annually.

Item, from the land of the late William Anderson lying in the same street, between the land of Mr. William Lewinstone on the west, and the land of John Kintor on the east, xiijs. iiii*d*. And from two lands at once lying on the north side of the Hukster-rawe of the said burgh, between the land of the late Mr. John Clat on the west, and the land of David Hill on the east, xxvjs. viij*d*.

Item, from the village[1] of Esthintuly in Durris, xiijs. iiij*d*., and is paid annually by John Knowis in Abirdeen.

[1] *Villa*.

Item, from the village of Balquhorin in the barony of Findon, xls., but the Laird of Mane pays from his tenement in Abirdeen, to wit, the Rownde Tabill, yearly (all) except xxs.

Item, by composition for certain debts between the executors of the late Mr. Lawrence Pyot and George Leslie of Quhit Corss, the said George Leslie is held bound to give his charter and possession thereover, for xiijs. iiij*d*., to the said Altar of S. Andrew from his lands of Quhit Corss or Glasgowforest, while Mr. Lawrence Pyot burdened his conscience as before by writing under his hand. Which sum of xiijs. iiij*d*., the said George was in the habit of paying regularly for many years by-past, as he still does.

Item, all that tenement or land recently built, lying in the University of Abirdeen between the public king's highway on the east, and the lands of Setoune on the west, and the land of the late Mr. Adam Gordoune towards the south, and the common vennel on the north, now yielding annually £vj. iijs. iiij*d*., and xs. to the lord bishop; viz., in the front house there are four chambers and a closet,[1] and each chamber yields annually xviijs., and the closet, viijs.—£iiij. in all. And the inner house, with one chamber and a kitchen, and a garden pays now annually xiijs. iiij*d*., and to the lord bishop xs. And another house towards the south pays xxs. And the house in which stands a furnace, xs., and the barn is not assessed to anyone at present.

And another annual rent of xs. from the lands of Andrew Kennerty lying in the same University of Abirdeen, between the land of John Zong on the south, and the land of William Wilsoune on the north.

Note that all the foresaid annual rents are from the ground of the aforesaid, as is contained more fully in the extended charters made concerning each.

XXXVII.

Rental of the Altar of S. Duthac in the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, etc.[2]

In primis, From the lands of the late John Torlecht, lying within the burgh of Abirdene, in the Upperkirkgate, on the south side thereof, between the land of Donald Straquhine on the east and the burn on the west, xs.

[1] *Taberna:* perhaps rather, "booth," or "shop".

[2] See *Registrum Aberdonense*, II. 232.

Item, From the land of the late John Traill, on the south side of the same street, between the land of the late Thomas Prat on the east and the public King's high ways on the west and north and the land of the late David Club on the south, vs.

Item, From the land of the late John Serogis, lying on the north side of the same street, between the land of the late Andrew Murraye on the east and the land of James Collisoune on the west, vs.

Item, From the inner land of the late William Tulydeff in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, between the land of John Collisoune on the east and the Loch on the west, and the land of the late William Abirdour on the south and the land of the said John on the north, vjs.

Item, From the land lying in The Green, between the burn on the east and the land of John Litster on the west, xx*d*.

Item, One tenement, viz.—My land, at present waste, lying in the Shiprow, between the land of William Moir on the west and the land of John Gowis on the east, and my land, at present waste, lying in the same street, between the land of John Gowis on the west and the King's[1] high way on the east.

Item, iiijs. and iiij*d*. from the land of Thomas Litsteir, lying in the Upperkirkgate, between the land of Adam Litsteir on the north side and the land of Thomas Traill on the south. And another annual rent of vjs. and viij*d*. from the land of the said Thomas Traill, lying in the same street, between the land of the said Thomas Litsteir on the north and the land of Thomas Club on the south. And an annual rent of xx*d*. from the land of the said Thomas Club, lying in the same (street), between the land of Thomas Traill on the north and the land of John Crag on the south. And one annual rent of ixs. from the land of William Moir, lying in the Shiprow of the said burgh, between the land of Andrew Allanson on the west and my land aforesaid on the east. And one annual rent of vijs. and xj*d*. from the land of John Gowis, in the said street, between my lands aforesaid on the west and east. And an annual rent of xl*d*. from the land of William Club, baker, lying near the end of the said street and the land of the late

[1] If the property was on the south side of the Shiprow, this would be the Shore Brae.

Gilbert Masone on the east, and the land of William Lammyntoune on the south and the two King's high-ways on the north and west.

Note that all the annual-rents above-mentioned are from the ground of the foresaid lands, as is contained at greater length in the charters made more fully concerning each.

XXXVIII.

Mr. Duncan Scherar, Parson of Clat, adorned and decorated the said altar of S. Duthac[1] with a silver chalice having the images of SS.[2] Molocus, Fotinus, Kentigern, and Bridgid on the chalice, and the image[3] of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the paten of the same, all (being) gilt, with divers other ornaments. And with a desk before the altar, on which he caused to be placed a volume bound, intituled, Here begin the Sermons of Brother William Lugdoune on the Epistles for Sundays throughout the year. And a Martyrology, and one Psalter for singing from before the said altar, at the desk or stall. And for God's sake pray for him.[4]

XXXIX.

Agreement anent Obits of William Scherar and Isabella Rutherfurde.
(Abstract.)

At Aberdene, 15th November, 1488, it is agreed between these venerable men, Mr. Duncan Scherar, Parson of Clat, on the one hand, and the Curate and Chaplains of the Parish Church of Abirdene, celebrating Divine service therein, on the other, in manner and form following, viz.: That the said Mr. Duncan Sherar shall make sure to them annually

[1] The sum of the Rental of S. Duthac's Altar, £iij vij*d*.

[2] For S. Molocus (see *supra* xxxv., note). S. Fotin (see *supra* xix., note). S. Kentigern is S. Mungo, the patron and founder of Glasgow, a saint to whom Bp. Elphinstone, who was a native of Glasgow, was specially devoted. S. Bridgid is no doubt "the Mary of Ireland". She had several dedications in the north: Lhanbryd, in Moray; in Aberdeenshire, Cushnie, Kildrummy, and Skene; in Kincardineshire, Dunnottar.

[3] Image on the paten. See Aberd. Eccl. Soc. *Trans.*, 1889, p. 9.

[4] See *Registrum Aberdonense*, II. 233.

forty shillings, Scots, in equal portions at Martinmas and Whitsunday from (properties) bequeathed and to be bequeathed by him and his procurator, for bread and wine in the daily celebration (of the Eucharist) in the said Parish Church of Abirdene. And the said chaplains shall be bound annually to celebrate the anniversaries of the father and mother of the said Mr. Duncan, with a sung mass and other private masses, and to pray for the said Mr. Duncan and for the souls of his father and mother; of which anniversaries they shall celebrate the one for the father of the said Mr. Duncan on the 27th day of January, on the Sunday immediately following, and the other for his mother on the 28th day of July, on the Sunday following. And they affix four waxen (seals) as the custom is, at the cost of the said anniversaries, the signatures of the said curate and chaplains being their own witnesses:

Signed by Dauid Waus, curate; Alexander Vocat, chaplain; Alexander Gray, chaplain; John Prat, chaplain; Andrew (son of) Thomas, chaplain; John de Chalmer; William Morisoune, chaplain; Robert Leis, chaplain; Sir John Litster, chaplain; Sir Matthew Nicholson, chaplain; Ingram Bannerman, chaplain; Duncan Nauchty, chaplain; Andrew Henderson; John Blak, chaplain; William Crukschank; Alexander Bisset; Alexander Fyf; John Stirueling, chaplain; John Strachtauchin; Thomas Herwy; Andrew Gray; Alexander Club, chaplain (who on the foresaid form and condition being observed, binds himself for his own part to celebrate the foresaid obsequies); Richard Paterson, chaplain; Thomas Stanne, chaplain; Andrew Chawmer, chaplain.

XL.

The Rental recently available for buying Bread and Wine for the consecration of the Sacrament, to be distributed annually from day to day to each chaplain in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, when they are about to celebrate.[1] (*Translation.*)

In primis, one annual rent of ixs. from the land of Thomas Litster, in the Upperkirkgate, between the land of Adam Litster on the north, and the land of Thomas Traill on the south. And one annual rent of xxxs. from the land of Andrew Ranisoune lying in the same street, outside the gate, on the north side, between the land of Thomas Meldrum and Andrew Michelsoune on the west, and the common king's highway

[1] See *Registrum Aberdonense*, II. 233.

toward the south, and the Loch on the north. And one annual rent of xx*d.* from the land of the late Angus Glennysoune, now William Yong's, between the land of the late Edmund Lawsoune on the north, and the land of Gilbert Leitht on the south. And one annual rent of v*s.* from the land of John Malisoune lying in the Castle Street, on the north side thereof, between the lands of the late William Buchane and John Wormet on the east, and the land of the late Murdac Glenmalwinning on the west, and the king's high-ways on the south and north.

The sum of this, for bread and wine annually, as above, xlv*s.* viij*d.*

Note that all the foresaid annual rents are from the ground of the said lands, as is contained at greater length in the charters made in full concerning them.

XLI.

Rental of the Annual Rents belonging to the Altar of SS. Lawrence and Ninian.[1] (*Translation.*)

THE Rental of the annual-rents belonging to the altar of S. Lawrence, Martyr, and S. Ninian, Confessor, situated in the parish church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, founded by the late William de Leitht of good memory, first laird of Bernys. *Imprimis*, from the land of John Wormet, lying in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof, between the lands of Thomas Waus and David Theman on the east and the lands of the late Henry Crag and David Fynne on the west, thirty shillings annually. From the land, as well to the front as in the back, of Andrew Ancroft, lying in the same street, on the same side thereof, between the land, now Alexander Burnat's,[2] on the east and the land of William Blinseil, couper, on the west, xxiii*s.* iv*d.* From the land of John Mar, lying on the same side of the same street, between the land of Sir John Stirueling, chaplain, on the east and the land of the heirs of the late Thomas Chapman on the west, xx*s.* From the land of John Colisone, lying in the Gallowgate, in the corner of the Netherkirkgate above the Nuk (neuk), between the land of the late Robert Blinseil on the north and the public King's high ways towards

[1] See *infra*, No. LIX.

[2] Is this Burnett's Close ?

the east, south, and west, xxs. From the land of John Blak, lying in the same street,[1] opposite the foresaid land of John Colisoune, between the land of the late William Anderson on the south and the public King's high ways towards the east and north, and the land of William Sprunt, baker, on the west, xvis. From the land of John Watson, lying in the same street, between the land of the late John Myl on the north and the land of the Chaplains of the College of the Cathedral Church of Abirdene on the south, and the public King's high ways towards the east and west, vjs. and viij*d.* From the land of David Mar, lying on the same side of the said street, between the land of Thomas Buchane, baker, on the north and the land of the said late John Myln on the south, viijs. From a certain piece of waste land in Futy, according to the tenor of the ancient charter, vij, and now it pays only two shillings. From a certain land, almost waste and uninhabited, of the late John Profyt, lying in the Shiprow, between the land of Richard Craufurd on the south and the land of the late Peter Kynidy on the north, vs.

The sum of this chaplaincy is vj*lb.* vjs.

XLII.

Charter by King James IV., confirming a charter of Alexander Menzes (2nd July, 1500), *mortifying the foundation of the Lamp which hangs before the Venerable Sacrament, 26th Nov.,* 1503. (*Abstract.*)

James, by the grace of God King of Scots, to all honest men of the whole land whether clergy or laity, wisheth salvation. Know that we, after due examination made at our command as to its correctness in all parts, have understood the charter and letter under-mentioned, viz.: A charter made by our lovite Alexander Menzes, Aldirman of our burgh of Abirden (with the consent and assent of our beloved cousin, Alexander,[2] Earl of Buchan, Lord of Vchterhouss, and baron of Grandoun,[3] his lord superior) concerning an annual rent of three pounds, to be drawn from Balmady with its pertinents lying within the

[1] The Netherkirkgate, not the Gallowgate, as appears from the description following.

[2] Alexander Stewart, Earl of Buchan, Lord of Auchterhouse (Forfarshire), etc.

[3] Grandoun—Grandholme, on the Don.

barony of Grandoun within our sheriffdom of Abirdene, given and granted by the said Alexander Menzeis in pure and perpetual alms for the augmentation of Divine worship, and for the laud and honour of Almighty God, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of SS. Nicholas and Sebastian, and all saints, to the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Sebastian within the Parish Church of Abirdene who shall celebrate Divine service there for ever, for our prosperity and the salvation of our soul and the souls of our parents—on whose souls may God have mercy—and the souls of our successors, as also for the salvation of other souls specified in the said charter. And for the perpetual maintenance of an oil lamp burning before the Sacrament at the High Altar of the said church, according to the said charter made thereupon by the said Alexander Menzeis; and likewise the letter by the said Alexander, Earl of Buchan, baron of Grandoun concerning his consent and assent to the same deed of gift, under the forms following:—

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Alexander Menzeis, Provost of the burgh of Abirden wisheth salvation in Him who is the true salvation of all. Whereas to mortal men nothing is more certain than death, and merits alone can call us to the seats of the blest above, and bearing in mind that in that day of strict judgment good works are rewarded by the Righteous Judge, (therefore), know ye that I, with consent and assent of Alexander, Earl of Buchan, baron of Grandoun, my superior, for the honour of Almighty God, the praise of the unspotted Virgin, His Mother, of the most blessed confessor, Nicholas, of the glorious martyr, Sebastian, and of all saints of God, for the salvation of the souls of the most excellent prince, the most illustrious James III., King of Scots, of Queen Margaret, his consort, and of the most invincible prince, his son James IV., now King of Scots, of Queen Margaret, his consort, and of their predecessors and successors. And for the soul of the Reverend Father in Christ, William, Bishop of Aberdeen, and for the salvation of my soul and the souls of Andrew Menzeis, my father, Mariota Arbuthnot, my mother, Elizabeth Leslie, my wife, and all my brothers, sisters, parents, friends and benefactors, and all the faithful dead, and specially for the souls of all from whom in any way I received good things on earth without restitution or recompense, have given . . . in pure alms to God, and to the glorious Virgin Mary, His Mother, to SS. Nicholas and Sebastian, and all saints, and to the chap-

lain celebrating at the Altar of the foresaid martyr Sebastian in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirden, one annual rent of three pounds, Scots, belonging to me, to be drawn and lifted annually at the two usual terms . . . from all and whole my lands of Balmady with the pertinents thereof, lying in the barony of Grandoun, within the sheriffdom of Abirden, to be held . . . by the said chaplain and his successors in pure alms for ever. In return for which annual rent, I will that the foresaid chaplain of the Altar of S. Sebastian, and his successors be bound in all times coming to uphold and supply a lamp with oil burning day and night continually before the Sacrament at the High Altar of the said Church of S. Nicholas, without extinction or failure. And if it happen (which God forbid) that the foresaid chaplain fail in the daily and nightly sustenance of the said lamp, and continual feeding thereof with oil, I will that the curate and chapter of the said Parish Church of Abirden may without citation, compel him to supply the said lamp, and may receive at their own hands the said annual rent, and intromit with it aye and until the said chaplain sufficiently uphold the foresaid lamp. In testimony whereof . . . at Edinburgh, 14th November, 1503, before these witnesses, the Reverend Father in Christ and lord, the Lord William, Bishop of Aberdeen, Sir James Dunbar of Blakerage, knight, Alexander Banermann, of Wattertoun, Sir Thomas Myrtoun, Canon of Moray,[1] John Mar, and George Dunbar, with divers others—[2] To all and sundry to whose knowledge these letters shall come, Alexander, Earl of Buchan and baron of Grandoun (wisheth) greeting in the everlasting God. Know all of you that we for good and reasonable causes, and specially for the augmentation of Divine service of God and Holy Kirk, and towards the perpetual upholding of a lamp and light in the Parish Kirk of Abirden before the Sacrament at the High Altar of the same, and the surplus to the chaplain of S. Sebastian's Altar within the said kirk, have given, consented, and assented, and by

[1] This is doubtless the same person as the Thomas Merton who, in a notarial instrument in the Chartulary of Moray, appears as Archdeacon of Aberdeen in 1529. *Registrum Moraviense*, p. 148. It is curious, however, to find in the Necrologium of the Convent of the Grey Friars of Aberdeen, a notice of Sir Thomas Myrtoun, Archdeacon of Aberdeen, which states that he died after September, 1515 (*Miscellany of Spalding Club*, vol. I.). It is easier to imagine a mistake in one or other of the documents than two Archdeacons of the same name.

[2] The deed here cited is in English, but for convenience of reference it is given here in a modernised form.

the tenor of these present letters, do consent and assent perpetually for ourselves, our heirs and assigns, that our cousin, Alexander Menzeis, burgess of Abirden give and grant in perpetual alms an annual rent of three pounds, payable yearly from the lands of Balmady lying in our said barony within the sheriffdom of Abirden, which annual rent pertains in heritage to the said Alexander. Also we assent and consent for ourselves, our heirs and assigns that the said annual rent be given by the said Alexander to the said kirk and chaplain of the said altar whomsoever, in perpetual alms for the upholding of the said lamp, suffrage, and prayers. And if the said Alexander can get our Sovereign Lord's mortification thereupon, we, our heirs and assigns consent and assent to the same by the tenor of this writ without any revocation, contradiction, obstacle, or demand to be made by us, our heirs or assigns whosoever in time to come. In witness hereof we have subscribed this writ with our hand and appended our seal to the same at Abirden, 2nd July, 1500, before these witnesses: Mr. Walter Drummonde, Dean of Dunblane and Clerk of the Register, Mr. William Irelande, Vicar of Fortyywywat,[1] Mr. George Streulinge, and Sir David Leis, chaplain, with divers others.

Which charter, letter, donation and grant, in all particulars . . . we approve, ratify, and for ourselves and our successors, mortify and confirm . . . saving only the prayers of the said chaplain and his successors for ourselves and our successors, in testimony whereof we have given command that our great seal be affixed to the said charter, Witnesses: the most Reverend Father in Christ, our beloved brother, James, Archbishop of S. Andrews, Duke of Ross, and our Chancellor, the reverend father in Christ, William, Bishop of Abirden, keeper of our privy seal, our beloved cousins; Archibald Earl of Ergile, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Master of our Household; Patrick, Earl of Boithuile, Lord Hals; and Matthew, Earl of Lavenax, Lord Dunlor; Alexander, Lord Hume, our High Chamberlain; Alexander, Lord de Gray, our justiciar; and our beloved clerk, Mr. Gavin Dunbar, Dean of Moray,[2] our Keeper of Rolls and clerk of the council; at Edinburgh, 26th November, 1503, in the sixteenth year of our reign.

This is a true copy, extracted from the original, and collated with it word for word.[3]

[1] Forteviot. [2] Afterwards Bishop of Aberdeen.

[3] The docquet is in a very different hand from the deed.

XLIII.

Donation of Six Volumes by John Arthur. 5th July, 1505.

On the 5th July, 1505, in the accustomed meeting place of the Chapter of the Chaplains and Brethren of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the burgh of Abirdene, in chapter assembled, a circumspect man, John Arthur, burgess of the said burgh, turning his mind to, and considering beforehand, the shortness of this present world and the length and duration of that which is to come, joyous indeed to those who in their lifetime have done good works, but full for ever of anxiety and sadness for those who do the opposite, Willing, therefore, to do and accomplish some good thing in his life, for a perpetual memory thereof, and for the praise and glory of Almighty God and of all the saints of the celestial court, gave, handed over, and gifted to the college of the said chaplains and brethren of the foresaid burgh, serving and celebrating in the said church, and their successors, in return for the suffrage of half a trenthal of masses to be celebrated annually by the said chaplains on the Feast of S. Bartholomew the Apostle, for the souls of him and his, six volumes of the books of that excellent doctor, Nicholas de Lyra,[1] procured at his own charges, for the use and benefit of the said chaplains and brethren, and the speedier imbuing them with knowledge and reflection. And to the celebration of the said half trenthal of masses at the time appointed by the foresaid chaplains, and in perpetuity thereafter, for the safety of the foresaid John Arthur and the salvation of his soul, all the chaplains then present assented, and no one saying a word against it, cheerfully agreed on

[1] Nicholas de Lyra—a famous theologian and commentator, born at Lyre in Normandy about 1270, died at Paris, 1340. The work here referred to may be his *Biblia Sacra cum interpretationibus et postillis*, published 1471-2. The Fifth of these Volumes seems to have been in existence in 1632 when the Town Council handed over the Kirk Library to Marischal College. *Cf. Fasti Acad. Mariscall.*, p. 219; but though there are several old copies of the works of De Lyra now in the University Library—one set bearing the plate-mark of Bp. William Stewart (1532-45)—it is impossible to identify any with the gift of John Arthur. De Lyra belonged to the literalist school of commentators, and was remarkable for his free handling of traditional interpretations; hence the distich,

"Si Lyra non lyrasset
Lutherus non saltasset."
(If the Lyre had not played,
Luther had not danced.)

behalf of themselves and their successors. In presence of venerable men called and requested to be witnesses—Masters Walter Forbes, Canon of Dunblane, Duncan de Chalmer, Parson of Furvy,[1] and John Baidenagh, Vicar of Gamery and notary-public.

XLIV.

Charter by David Symsoun endowing the Altar of S. Leonard. 14th Sept., 1489. (Abstract.)

To all, etc., David Symsoun, burgess of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Whereas we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jhesus Christ to receive as we have done in time, whether it be good or bad, therefore it is expedient to anticipate that day of final doom by works of mercy, so that we may be able to reap in heaven with manifold fruit what we have sown on earth, Therefore know that I, for the increase of Divine worship, in honour of Almighty God, of the most blessed Virgin Mary His Mother, of S. Leonard and all saints, have given . . . to Almighty God, to the most glorious Virgin Mary, to all saints, and to the Altar of S. Leonard situated within the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirden, and to Sir Dauid Walcar, my perpetual chaplain, celebrating thereat, and to his successors celebrating there, for my soul, and the souls of my parents, successors, and benefactors, and all the faithful dead, particularly those from whom I got any good less justly than I ought, All and whole my annual-rents underwritten, viz.—One annual rent of two merks Scots to be drawn annually from all and whole that land of the late Thomas Culan,[2] lying in the Gastraw, between the land of the heirs of the late Duncan Clat on the north and the land of the late John, the son of Robert, on the south, and the King's high-way towards the east. It extends as far as the upper mill-course on the west. One annual rent of twenty shillings from the whole land of Dauid Tailzour,[3] lying in the Netherkirkgate, between the land of William Auchneywe on the west

[1] This is the parish of Forvie, long extinct, being overblown with sand.

[2] Thomas Culan's land is now Mr. Patrick Skene's. But is redemit, and provin In partes. (*Note in the Chartulary.*)

[3] Tailzeour's land is now Andrew Baxtar's land, Baxter's (*sic*), and depends in partes (*Note in the Chartulary.*)

and the land of Thomas Gladstane on the north, and the King's high ways on the east and south. Another annual-rent of three shillings and four pence payable yearly from a certain land of Andrew Ranison's, lying within the said burgh in the Gallowgate, between the lands of Matthew Masse and William, the son of Andrew, on the east and the land of the late Alexander Hay on the south, and the two King's ways on the west and north. One annual-rent of six and eight pence from a certain land, formerly Robert Club's, lying in the Green, between the land of Thomas Litstar on the north and the King's way on the south, and the two burns on the west and east. One annual-rent of twenty shillings payable yearly from the whole land of the late John Waus on the south side of Castle Street, between the lands of Alexander Scrogis on the east and the land of Andrew Ancroft on the west, and the King's way on the (north and) extending to the Trinity Burn on the south. An annual rent of three shillings from the land of James Kennardy in the Green, between the land of Donald Sclatter on the north and the land belonging to the Chapel of S. Katherine the Virgin on the south. And another annual-rent of three shillings from Alexander Logy's land in the Gallowgate, between the land of Robert Blinsele on the south and the land of the late Thomas Yonlow on the north, and the King's ways on the east and west. And one annual-rent of thirty-eight shillings Scots from all and whole my two lands lying side by side within the said burgh, in the Netherkirkgate, on the south side, between the land of William Anderson on the east and the common burn of the mills of the said burgh on the west, which annual rents I bought and recovered at my own proper cost. To be held from me and my heirs in perpetual alms by the said Sir David and the chaplains, his successors . . . the right of patronage of the said perpetual chaplaincy remaining to me and my heirs for ever. And if it happen that I or my heirs, after a vacancy in the said chaplaincy, have not used our right of presenting a fit chaplain to celebrate at the foresaid altar within forty days immediately following, I will . . . that our lord the Bishop of Aberdeen shall have full right for that turn to present and collate a fit chaplain to the chaplaincy. Further, if any of my heirs . . . withhold, in whole or in part, the foresaid annual-rents from the foresaid chaplain, then it shall be lawful for the lord diocesan for the time being to compel him or them, by

ecclesiastical censures, and at his soul's peril, to make full payment, and to prosecute and distrain whoever shall infringe or procure the infringement of this my donation . . . by the authority of Our Lord Jhesus Christ, of Almighty God, and of Holy Mother Church, and as far as is permitted to a human creature to curse (another) let him be cursed, and let him inherit and eternally possess that malediction which a father ought to have in his power against his son.[1] The said chaplain and his successors performing henceforth Divine service and prayers for the founders and the . . . souls above-mentioned. Moreover, if it happen that the said chaplain fail in these prayers for forty days continuously, and absent himself from the said altar, except it be on account of sickness, without special leave from me or my heirs, then it shall be lawful to present another fit chaplain, and for our lord the Bishop of Aberdeen to collate him. And I, the said Dauid Symsoune . . . give warrandice, etc. . . . In witness whereof my seal is appended to this charter at Abirden 14th Sept., 1489, before men of thrift and repute—Thomas Fyf, William Anderson, senior, William Anderson, junior, John Blak, residing at the key[2] of the said burgh, Alexander Chamer, in the Schipraw, Duncan Smytht, Dauid Robertsoun, Robert Ouchterles, Thomas Lytstar, burgesses; Philip Dumbrek (and) Alexander Alansoun, two sergeants of the said burgh; and Sir John Stirueling, presbyter and notary-public; with many others. The foregoing notwithstanding I, the said Dauid Symsoun, will, bequeath, and faithfully promise that, failing heirs male, the right of patronage of the said chaplaincy shall remain with the said Lord Bishop of Aberdeen and his successors without impediment. Before witnesses and the foresaid notary, etc.

The sum of this chaplaincy is vj*lb.* xs. viij*d.*

[1] The "Good Parson," in Chaucer, was "ful loth to curse for his tythes": the frequent use of such cursings as the above had considerable effect in giving an impulse to the Reformation in Scotland. The ecclesiastics of the period might plead, however, that in this they erred in good company. The Celtic Saints—S. Columba himself, if we may trust the legend in the Book of Deer—were adepts in the art; and the greatest of the Presbyterian leaders in the seventeenth century used the weapon as to the manner born when, in the Glasgow Assembly of 1638, he denounced "the curse of Hiel the Bethelite" (1 Kings xvi. 34) on whoever should build again the hierarchy which the Assembly had cast down.

[2] I have translated literally the Latin *ad clavem dicti burgi!* Of course what is intended s the Quay.

XLV.

Foundation of Mr. Thomas Waus, endowing Altar of S. Martin.
(Translation.)

The late Mr. Thomas Waus, of good memory, Precentor of Moray, endowed the Altar of S. Martin with one annual-rent of forty shillings Scots, to be drawn annually from the land of Thomas Waus lying within the said burgh, and purposed to found a perpetual chaplaincy; but in the midst of his days he went the way of all flesh.

The sum of this (chaplaincy) is xls.

XLVI.

The Revenue of the Altar of the Holy Cross. (*Translation.*)

Imprimis, from the land of John Fechat, which he holds in the Upperkirkgate, xiijs. iiij*d.* *Item*, in the same street, from Thomas David's land, vs. *Item*, in the same street, from Staphan Johnson's land, vs. *Item*, in the same street, from Richard Fechat's land, xii*d.* *Item*, from Thomas Lam's land, xl*d.* *Item*, from John Strang's land, which Alexander Moyses holds, which is the land of Thomas Molsat, iijs. *Item*, from William Sperk's land, xiijs. iiij*d.* *Item*, from Thomas Blinseill's booths, vjs. and viij*d.* *Item*, from John Gray's land, vjs. and viij*d.* *Item*, from John Anderson's land, ijs. *Item*, from Andrew Waus's land, iijs. xxxij*d.*—waste. *Item*, from Thomas Both's land, ijs. *Item*, from Robert Adamson's land, vjs. and viij*d.* *Item*, iijs., from the croft which the Carmelite Friars hold in the Green, on the west side of the Deneburne. *Item*, from Duncan Herwy's land, viij.; and in my time I received from that land xvjs. *Item*, from Adam Ather's land, iiijs.; and, indeed, I received vs. *Item*, from John Scrogis' land, at the end of the Castle,[1] which is waste, ijs. *Item*, from John Henderson's land, in the street of Futy, iijs.; and, indeed, I received vijs. *Item*, from John Reid's land, beside cockit,[2] xij*d.* *Item*, from John Scrogis' land, at the end of the Castle, xl*d.* *Item*, from Phillip Anderson's land, at the foot of the Castle-hill, ijs. *Item*, from that land at S. James's Altar,[3] ijs., from the donation of Walter Robertson.

The sum of this rental is iiij*lb.* viijs. and viij*d.*

[1] Perhaps Castle Street, but the word "street" is not in the text.

[2] The "cokit" was the small seal which franked goods, shewing that they had paid custom. There was a cockstool off the south side of Castle Street.

[3] *Ad altare.* Perhaps "pertaining to the altar".

XLVII.

Charter by John Knollis,[1] endowing the Altar of S.[2] John Baptist, the Forerunner of Our Lord. 9th October, 1486.[3]

To all who shall see or hear this charter John Knollis, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, and true and undoubted patron of the Altar of S. John Baptist, situated within the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Since we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Our Lord Jhesus Christ, there to receive either good or evil, according as we have done in the body: therefore, it is most expedient to anticipate the day of final judgment by works of mercy, so that we may be able to reap in an abundant harvest in heaven what we have sown on earth. Wherefore, know that I, for the augmentation of Divine worship, have given . . . to God, to the most blessed Virgin Mary and all saints, and to the foresaid Altar of S. John Baptist, and to Sir Alexander Vocat, perpetual chaplain celebrating there, and to his successors who shall celebrate there, for my soul and the souls of my parents, successors, benefactors, and all the faithful dead, one annual rent of forty-one shillings Scots, to be drawn annually from a certain land of John Kintor, lying within the said burgh in the Castle Street, on the south side of the same, between another land of the said John's on the east, and the land of Alexander Mar on the west, extending in length from the king's highway on the north to the Trinity Burn on the south. And another annual rent of two merks Scots from another land of the said John Kintor, lying on the east side of the foresaid land on the one hand, and the land of the late William Moyses on the other, extending from the king's way on the north to the Trinity Burn on the south, in augmentation of the original (primeue) feu-grant and foundation made to the said altar. The said annual rents with their pertinents to be held . . . by the said perpetual chaplain and his successors from me and my heirs in pure alms forever with all rights. . . . Further, by these presents I unite, reduce and annex the said annual rents, by me granted to the original feu-grant and foundation, into one chaplaincy—the patronage of the said chaplaincy remaining to me and the male heirs of my body lawfully begotten, whom failing, to the

[1] This, in the *Chartulary*, is a side note. [2] *Divus.*

[3] See *infra*, Appendix I., No. 2.

Provost, Baillies, Council and community of the said burgh forever. And if, on a vacancy occurring, I or my heirs have not used our right of presenting a fit chaplain to the said altar within forty days immediately following the vacancy, then I will that the Provost of the said burgh, after deliberation with the privy council of the same, shall have for that turn full power to present a fit chaplain. And if any of my heirs or assigns shall have withheld aught of the aforesaid revenue from the aforesaid chaplain, then it shall be lawful for the lord diocesan to compel them with his authority, and at their souls' peril, to make full payment, and to pursue . . . all who infringe, or in aught to procure the infringement of, this my donation, by the authority of Our Lord Jhesus Christ, of Almighty God, and Holy Mother Church; and to curse them so far as it is committed to one human creature to curse another, and let them possess that curse which a father has in his power against his son, . . . the said chaplain and his successors performing the due and usual Divine offices at the said altar for the souls of the founders. And if it happen that the said chaplain fail in Divine service for forty days on end, whether by failure of himself or of his substitute, without special license from me or my heirs, except on account of sickness, then it shall be lawful for us to dispose of it according to our free will. And I, the said John Knollis, . . . give warrandice. . . . In testimony whereof my seal and the seals of two prudent men, William Blinseile and Andrew Cullan, two of the baillies of the said burgh, and the givers of sasine of the foresaid annual rents to the said chaplain, are appended—9th October, 1486—before prudent and honest men: Alexander Mar, Sir Dauid Waus, Vicar of Banff, John Waus, Alexander Red, Andrew Branche, Gilbert Waus, David Menzeis, senior, William Kyntor, Gilbert Chamer, Mark Scot, burgesses; Alexander de Chalmer (and) Morice Bisset, sergeants; and Sir John Stirueling, notary-public, etc.

The sum of this chaplaincy, with the original foundation, is x merks and vj*d*.

XLVIII.

Charter by Angus Adamsoun, endowing the Altar of S. Michael, 23rd May, 1440.

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Angus Adamesoun, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene wisheth eternal health in the Lord.

Know that I, with consent and assent of my dearest grandson, John, the son of John Adameson, my apparent heir, have given . . . to God, and the most blessed Virgin Mary His Mother, and all saints, and to the Altar of S. Michael the Archangel, situated in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the said burgh, and to the chaplain celebrating, and to celebrate for ever the Divine service there, one annual rent of twenty-five shillings, usual money, to be drawn annually from a certain land lying on the north side of the Castle Street of the said burgh, between John Blak's land on the east, and the land of the late Robert de Buchane on the west. And one annual rent of six shillings and eight pence also going out annually from a certain land lying in the Buthraw of the Gallowgate of the said burgh, between the land of Stephen Johnsoun on the south, and the land of John de Kyntor on the north; which annual rents amount to the sum of thirty-one shillings and eight pence. To be held, etc., for the said altar and chaplain for the time being in feu and heirship for . . . The said chaplain for the time being being bound to celebrate through the chaplains of the foresaid church for twenty shillings of the foresaid annual rents, two trenthals of masses for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of all my parents and friends, and all the faithful dead at the time of my death or anniversary. And for the eleven shillings and eight pence remaining, he shall celebrate annually for the souls aforesaid, or cause to be celebrated by another competent person, one solemn mass with four honest and sufficient wax candles, which the said chaplain is to give at his own expense, and have burning as the custom is in the said church on the same anniversary, and shall also add[1] other prayers for the foresaid souls in consideration of the foresaid annual rents, as he shall answer in the last dread Day of Judgment before the Supreme Judge . . . In testimony whereof my seal is affixed to the present charter along with the seal of John de Fife, burgess of the said burgh, affixed by the said John, son of John Adamesoun, my grandson, in testimony of his consent, he having no seal of his own; and for better evidence and security, the seal of William Scherar, one of the baillies of the said

[1] *Fundet. Fundare preces* is explained as standing for *profundere*, the word used of "the priest when, having drunk the blood of Christ, he washes the chalice with a mixture of wine and water" (*Migne's Lexicon*). What is stipulated for here are prayers at the taking of the ablutions.

burgh, and giver of sasine . . . at the said burgh, 23rd May, 1440, before these witnesses: Gilbert Menzes, then Provost; John Waus; Thomas Kymedy; Duncan Kymedy; John de Mair, junior; Andrew Ayncroft; Andrew Branche; Thomas de Craufurd; John Gray; Mr. John de Cadiou, notary-public; and William Atkynsoun, sergeant; with divers others. Copy certified by Mr. William Philipsoun.

XLIX.

Charter by Matthew Fechat endowing Altar of S. Michael. 18*th July*, 1472.[1]
(*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Matthew Fechat, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Whereas . . . Know that I therefore, for the augmenting of Divine worship, with the intuition of charity, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my parents, wives, predecessors, and successors, and of all the faithful dead, in honour and veneration of Almighty God, and the glorious Virgin Mary His Mother, and S. Michael the Archangel, and all the holy citizens of heaven, have given . . . to John Colisone, clerk, second son of Dauid Colisoun, burgess of Abirdene, all and whole the revenues underwritten, viz.—One annual rent of twenty-four shillings Scots from the land of the heirs of the late Galfrid[2] Burnat, lying in the Gastraw, on the west side of the street, between the land of Andrew Cullane on the south and the land of John, son of Robert, on the north. And one annual rent of eight shillings from the land of Andrew Chapman, lying in the Upperkirkgate, near the Mill-burn of the said burgh, between the land of Andrew Chapmann on the west and the land of Alexander Howysoun on the east. *Item*, an annual rent of six shillings and eight pence from another land of the said Andrew Chapman's, lying in the same street, between the land of the said Andrew on the east and the land of John Michaelson on the west. *Item*, an annual rent of four shillings from the inner land of the heirs of the late Alexander Suerdslepare,[3] lying in the Gallowgate, on the west side, between the land of Dauid Colisoune on the north and the land of

[1] See *infra*, Appendix I., No. 2 (where date is given as 1462).

[2] ? Alfred.

[3] The text in vol. i. is wrong here. Suerdslepare is no doubt for Swordslipper, *i.e.*, the man who makes, or sharpens, the blades of swords, a sort of armourer. The name is thus a trade name, like Cutler.

the heirs of William, son of Stephan, on the south, and the land[1] of William Moir on the west. *Item*, an annual rent of four shillings from the land of the heirs of John Cope, lying in the said Gallowgate, between the land of Thomas Litstar on the north and the land of the heirs of John de Mar[2] on the south. *Item*, an annual rent of eight shillings from the land of Dauid, son of Robert, lying in the said Gallowgate, on the west side, between the land of John Gillespy on the south and the land of Adam, son of Andrew, on the north. *Item*, an annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from my own land in which I live, lying in the said Gallowgate, between the land of the said Adam Anderson on the south and the land of Andrew Murray on the north. *Item*, an annual rent of twenty shillings from another land of mine, lying in the said Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, between the land of Andrew Galt on the south and the land of John Hughison, butcher, on the north. *Item*, an annual rent of twelve shillings from the land of the said John Hughison, lying in the said Gallowgate, between my own land on the south and William Phillipson's on the north. *Item*, an annual rent of twelve shillings from the said William Philippson's land in the said Gallowgate, between the land of the said John Hughison, butcher, on the south and the land of William Robertson on the north. *Item*, an annual rent of twelve shillings from the land of the said William Robertson, lying in the said Gallowgate, between the land of William Phillippson[3] on the south and my own barn on the north. *Item*, an annual rent of ten shillings from two other barns[4] of mine lying at the end of the said Gallowgate, between the land of William Robertson on the south and the land of William Vocat on the north. *Item*, one annual rent of ten shillings from two other barns of mine in the same street, lying between the land of Thomas de Chalmer on the north and the land of William

[1] The property being an inland one, *i.e.*, further up the close, William Moir's property was between it and the street.

[2] Can this be the house known as Mar's Castle?

[3] Notice the delightful variety in the spelling of this name: first, two *l*s and one *p*; next, two *p*s and one *l*; lastly, both letters are doubled.

[4] *Barns* (at the end of the Gallowgate). The burgesses at this time farmed their crofts as the feuars do in the Aberdeenshire villages now; but Matthew Fechat has at least five barns. Was he a grain merchant?

Vocat on the south. *Item*, one annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from my land called The Lochfold, with the kiln, lying in the said Gallowgate, between the land of Thomas de Chalmer on the south and Commoune Lonyng[1] on the north. To be held, etc. . . . by the said John Colisoune, or whatever fit chaplain serves in his stead at the Altar of S. Michael, within the Parish Church of the said burgh of Abirdene, on behalf of my soul and the souls of all aforesaid, daily when he is so disposed ; whom failing, to another son of the said Dauid Colisoune begotten, or to be begotten, between him and Agnes Fechat, my daughter and his wife, or to a fit chaplain serving in his stead, as aforesaid, aye and until he has been canonically promoted to the presbyterate, and so on, aye and until the said Dauid and Agnes, his wife, have a son to serve this chaplaincy, who, before the others, shall be promoted to it. And the said chaplain, for the time being, and his successors shall be bound daily, when they are so disposed, (to pray) for our souls aforesaid in masses and other Divine offices for the dead, at the said Altar of S. Michael, to offer up devout supplications, and daily to be present in the choir and serve at the solemn hours. The patronage of the said chaplaincy, as often as it shall be vacant, remaining at our free disposal to me and to John Fechat, my son and apparent heir, whom failing, to Dauid Colisoun and his heirs. And if any of my heirs shall have withholden, in whole or in part, the said annual rents from the said chaplain, it shall be lawful for the lord bishop for the time being to compel the withholder, at the peril of his soul, to make full payment, to prosecute and distrain all who infringe, or wickedly think to infringe, this our donation, etc., by the authority of our Crucified Lord Jhesus Christ, of Almighty God, and Holy Mother Church, and so far as it is committed to human nature to curse let them be cursed, and inherit that malediction which a father ought to have in his power against his son . . . In testimony whereof my seal, with the seals of John de Kintor, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of the aforesaid annual rents to the aforesaid John Colisoun in name of the said Altar, and the common seal of the burgh, along with the seal of Richard de Kintor, then Provost . . . are appended, at the said burgh, 18th July, 1472, before these

[1] Commoune Lonyng = public lane.

witnesses—Richard de Kintor, Provost; John de Kintor, baillie; Dauid Collisoun, another of the baillies; John Mar, John Scrogis, Dauid Symsoun, Alexander Blinseill, Thomas Litstar, Patrick Baidienagh, Adam Litstar, Thomas Litstar, burgesses; and Duncan Straloche, sergeant; with many others.

The sum of this chaplaincy, vij*lib.* xvij*s.* and iiij*d.*

L.

Charter by John de Mar endowing Altar of S. Andrew. 10th August, 1473. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, John de Mar, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my parents, predecessors, and successors, and all the faithful dead, have given . . . to Almighty God, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to S. Andrew the Apostle, and to all the saints among the citizens of heaven, all and whole my annual rents under-written, to one chaplain celebrating, or to celebrate, Divine service at the Altar of S. Andrew within the Parish Church of the burgh of Abirdene, viz.:—One annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence, payable annually from the land of Alexander Howisone lying in the Gallowgate, between the land of John, the son of Stephan, on the north; and the land of John, the son of Patrick, in Monymusk, on the south. *Item*, one annual rent of ten shillings from the land of Alexander Sanchar lying in the same street, between the land of William Blynsele on the south, and the land of the heirs of the late John, the son of Thomas, on the north. *Item*, an annual rent of seven shillings from the land of the late Edward Top lying in the same Gallowgate, between the land of Thomas Litstar on the north, and the land of the late John de Mar (Sauchak)[1] on the south. Also, a rent of six shillings annually from the land of Alexander de Chalmer, sergeant, lying in the Shiprow, between the land of Robert Ranisone and his

[1] This John Mar probably belonged to a different family from the founder, and is distinguished by this appellation, much as in our northern fishing villages to the present day persons bearing the same name are distinguished by "tee-names". *Sauchak* is probably *Savoch*, a place-name in Aberdeenshire.

wife on the west, and the land of the heirs of the late John Rede, smith, on the north. *Item*, an annual rent of seven shillings lying in the street of the Futhy, payable annually from two lands of the late Alan Tailzour, between the land of the late William Menzes on the south, and the land of Thomas, the son of Andrew, on the north. Also, an annual rent of forty pence payable annually from the land of John Litstar lying in the Green, between the lands of John, the son of Matthew, on the east and west. To be held . . . by the foresaid chaplain . . . to be presented by me or by my son, Alexander de Mar, and by his heirs each time it happens to be vacant . . . for the increase of Divine worship. Of which annual rents, I have through the baillie under-mentioned caused sasine and transmissible possession to be given to the said Alexander Mar, my son, nominated also on the part of the Church, and the Altar aforesaid, the right of patronage to the said annual rents being for ever reserved to the said Alexander and his heirs; the said chaplain offering henceforth the suffrages of devout prayers for my soul and the souls of all the aforesaid. In testimony whereof, my seal, along with the seal of an honourable man, Thomas de Fyfe, one of the baillies of the burgh of Abirdene, are affixed to this charter, at the said burgh, 10th August, 1473, before these witnesses—An honourable man, Thomas de Fyfe, the baillie aforesaid, and giver of sasine of the above annual rents; Thomas Branche, John Balcromy, Alexander Fraser, in Futhy; Phillipp Dunbrek and John Waus, senior, two of the sergeants; with divers others.

The sum of this is xlvjs. viij*d*.

LI.

Rental of the Altar of S. Stephen. (Translation.)

IMPRIMIS, one land lying in the Gallowgate, founded by the late Stephen de Balrain, xls. And from another land, which is totally waste, vj merks. *Item*, from a waste land belonging to the late Ingram[1] Bannerman, in Futy, vjs. and viij*d*. *Item*, from the land of Robert Murray, in the Gallowgate, xiijs. and iiij*d*. *Item*, from the land of the

[1] *Ingerami*. He had his name perhaps from the munificent bishop, Ingeramus de Lyndsay, who ruled the diocese of Aberdeen, 1441-1459.

late William Nory, quite waste, vjs. and viij*d*. *Item*, from the land of the late Matthew Wricht, in the Gastraw, xiijs. and iiij*d*. *Item*, from the croft of William Murray, ijs.

The sum of the above, x merks; but as the entire tenement has been thrown down to the ground, and is waste,[1] it has fallen to the value of vj merks. And in Futy, the waste property is vjs. and viij*d*., and William Nory's, also waste, vjs. and viij*d*.

LII.

Charter by Richard de Ruderfurd, endowing the Altar of S. Andrew, 12th February, 145⁰⁄₁. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Richard de Ruderfurd, burgess of the burgh of Abirden (wisheth) everlasting health in the Lord. Know that I, at the bidding of Divine love, and for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of Marion, my wife, and of my parents and predecessors, our children and successors, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all saints, and specially to S. Andrew the Apostle, at his Altar situated in the Parish Church of S. Nycholas of the burgh aforesaid, and to the chaplain celebrating and to celebrate Divine service there for ever, all and each the annual rents undernoted, viz.: An annual rent of twenty shillings from a certain land of mine lying within the said burgh in the street leading towards the House of the Trinity Friars[2] of the said burgh, on the north side of the same, between the land of William Vocat on the east, and the land of Sir William Roiss, chaplain, on west; and another annual rent of twenty shillings from a certain land in the Shiprow, on the east side thereof, between the land which was the late John Champane's on the north, and the land of the late Galfrid Ranfrew, goldsmith, on the south; one annual rent of four shillings from a certain land of my own lying in the street of Futy[3] between the

[1] Two of the waste lands, however, still paid their full charge.

[2] The street leading to the House of the Trinity Friars was most probably Correction Wynd.

[3] *Vicus de* Futy, street or village. There seems to be no instance of a land described as lying on the north or south, the east or west of this *vicus*.

land of Symon Blabyr on the north, and the common vennel on the south, and from two parts of land lying in the territory of the crofts of the said burgh, on the east side of the public way leading to the Cathedral Church of Abirdeen, extending westward from the said road to the Gallowhills on the east, between the croft of Walter Umfrasene on the north, and the Friars Preachers' (croft) of the said burgh on the south. One annual rent of six shillings from a certain land lying within the said burgh in the New Raw of the Gallowgate, between the land of Andrew Maior on the north, and the land of Sir Andrew, the son of John Andersone, chaplain, on the south; twelve shillings of annual rent, and one annual rent of thirty-five shillings, Scots, to be drawn annually from my eighteen parts of land lying in the territory of the burgh of Kintor, to be held . . . in pure and perpetual alms by the foresaid altar, and the chaplain celebrating and to celebrate Divine service there for ever . . . The said chaplain to offer the suffrages of devout prayers for our souls aforesaid . . . The patronage of the said chaplaincy remaining to me and to my wife Marion, and to the longer liver of us, and after our death, to our beloved cousin, Andrew Ruderford, and his heirs for ever. Nevertheless, should the said Andrew and his heirs, on the chaplaincy becoming vacant, neglect to present a fit chaplain within the space of two months, we will that the presentation to the same for that turn shall devolve on the Provost and council of the burgh. In testimony whereof my seal is appended to this charter, and for greater evidence I have obtained that the seals of prudent men, Patrick de Badzenocht and Dauid de Chalmer, two of the baillies of the foresaid burghs of Abirden and Kintor, and givers of sasine of the foresaid annual rents to the said altar and chaplain, should also be affixed. At the said burgh, 12th February, 1450; witnesses, the honourable and prudent men, John de Scroggis, son, then Provost; John Fiff; Gilbert Menzeis; John de Scroggis, father; John de Mar; Andrew Ancroft; Andrew Allansoune; John Stevounsoune, burgesses of the said burgh of Abirden; John de Spens and Alexander Andersoune, two of the sergeants of the said burgh; and Mr. John Cadiou, notary public.

Copy certified by Robert Rust and John Galloay, notaries public, before witnesses, Sir John Hay and John Salmon, chaplain, 6th December, 1522.

LIII.

Charter by Andrew Murray, senior, endowing the Altar of S. Salvator.
11th April, 1497.[1] (*Large Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter Andrew Murray, senior, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, for the increase of Divine worship, in honour of Almighty God, of the most blessed Virgin Mary, of S. Salvator,[2] and of all saints, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my parents, wives, predecessors, successors, and all the faithful dead, and notably for the souls of those of whom I received or took any good thing with less justice than I ought, have given . . . . to Almighty God, to the most glorious Virgin Mary, to S. Salvator, and to all saints, and to the Altar of S. Salvator, situated in the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, and to John Chaumer, my perpetual chaplain, and the presbyters his successors, all and whole my annual rents under-written, with the sums of the same, Scots money, to be drawn from the *sites*[3] of the following lands lying within the said burgh, viz.: An annual rent of twenty shillings from the land of William Murref, lying in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof, between the land of John Malisone on the east, and the land of the late Mordach Glenmalvyne on the west; and another annual rent of fifteen shillings[4] from the land of Alexander Watson, lying on the north side of the same street, between the land of Robert Blyndsele on the east, and the land of Andrew Littister on the west; an annual rent of ten shillings from the land of William Nicholson, in the same street, between the land of William Bynne on the east, and the land of the late Raynald Talzour on the west; an annual rent of eighteen shillings from the land of the late John Scherar, out-

[1] 8th May, 1604. Produced in proof against Alexander Home, Robertsone. (*Note in Chartulary*). Robertson is the signature of Walter Robertson, town-clerk of Aberdeen.

[2] See Charter XX., *Note*. The name S. Salvator seems ere long to have deceived people into regarding the Person designated merely as an ordinary saint: it is difficult to account otherwise for the placing of our Lord *after* the Blessed Virgin. The slip is avoided in LIV.

[3] *Fundis*.

[4] Now Gilbert Scherar, xvs. obtenit xs., obtenit payment ye airs xs., John Bythe. (*Note in Chartulary*.)

side the north gate of the Castle Street,[1] between the land of Symon Gardin on the east, and the king's highway on the west; an annual rent of five shillings from the land of John Lammyntoune, in Futy, between the land of Thomas Glenmalvyne on the south, and a certain waste garden on the north; an annual rent of ten shillings from the land of Symon Gardin, lying in the Shiprow, on the west side thereof, between the land of John Fychat on the south, and the land of the late John Menzes on the north; an annual rent of six shillings and eight pence[2] from the land of Andrew Branche, lying in the Shiprow, on the east side thereof, between the land of James Kyntor on the east, and the king's highways on the east; an annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from all and whole that land of John, the son of Andrew, lying in the Castle Street, between the land of Saint Sebastian on the west, and the king's highways on the west and north, and the lands of Alexander Mar and Gylbert Waus of Many on the south; an annual rent of ten shillings from the land of William Buchane, lying in the Upperkirkgate, on the north side thereof, between the land of the late John Stokar on the north, and the land of the late William Scherar on the west; an annual rent of two merks from the croft of Alexander Mar, lying in the croft lands of Rubbislaw, called the Braid Croft, between the croft of Margaret Fychat on the west, and the croft belonging to the heirs of Richard Kyntor on the east—all which annual rents I have bought out of my own gains. To be held . . . by the said Sir John, my chaplain, and his successors, perpetual chaplains of the same (altar), of me and my heirs in pure alms forever, . . . the said chaplain and his successors ministering the usual Divine services and prayers incumbent on a priest at the said altar, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my parents, wives, predecessors, successors, benefactors, and those from whom I derived benefits with scant justice; and gracing[3] the choir in a decent habit on Sundays and greater double

[1] The Justice Port. There was also a south gate (shown on Gordon's map, 1661) called the Futty Port.

[2] vjs. viij*d*. obtenit on payment (of) Thome Smyth, for Andrew Braynche land. (*Note in Chartulary*.)

[3] Gracing, *decorantes*.

festivals;[1] . . . also, I will that the chaplain of the said chaplaincy shall personally reside within the said burgh of Abirdene, serving the same chaplaincy; and if he fail in personal residence, then it shall be lawful for me, and my heirs male, to provide to this chaplaincy another fit chaplain at our free will. And the patronage of the said chaplaincy shall remain to me and my nearest lawful heirs male bearing the name of Murray. And if it happen that the said chaplain fail in Divine service at the said altar for the space of forty days on end, except it be on account of sickness, or because he is travelling within the kingdom or without, or other legitimate reason, unless he hath obtained leave from me, or from the patron for the time being, then it shall be lawful for me or my heirs male to appoint another. . . . In testimony whereof my seal is appended to this present charter, along with the seal of my apparent heir, Dauid Murray, in token of his benevolent consent to a work so charitable, on my own behalf, and in behalf of all the faithful in Christ, consenting, it is supposed, thereto; and, for greater security, the official seal of a venerable and illustrious man, Mr. Andrew Kelle,[2] treasurer and official (of the diocese) of Abirdene, with the seal of an honest man, Robert Culane, burgess of Aberdene, and one of the baillies of the burgh; appended in their presence at Abirdene, 11th April, 1497, before honest and discreet men: Sir John Fentone, William Murref, John Murref, Alexander Gregori, and Robert Gothra, and Matthew Pacok, notary-public, with divers others.

The sum of this, vj*lib.* xiiij*s.* viij*d.*

[1] Greater double feasts. Properly speaking it is not the feast-day that is double, but the *office* which is said on it. Every day has its own office; ordinary days have what is called a "simple" one; other days, according to their importance, a "semi-double" or a "double" office. On the more important festivals—hence called 'doubles'—the Antiphons at Vespers, Mattins, and Lauds (but not at the other hours) are *doubled*, *i.e.*, they are said entire before as well as after the Psalms and Canticles: on "semi-doubles," the Antiphons are said entire to the end of the Psalms, but only the first words of them before the Psalms. "Double" festivals are distinguished as "doubles," "greater doubles," and "greater doubles of the first class". See *Dict. of Christian Antiquities*, s. v., Antiphons, and the Marquess of Bute's translation of the *Roman Breviary*, vol. i, pp. xii. *sqq*.

[2] Andrew Kelly must have held the office of Treasurer of the Cathedral for an unusually long period: he is so described in a charter of date 1462, thirty-five years before this. *Registrum Aberdonense*, i. 291.

LIV.

Charter by Andrew Murray endowing Altar of S. Salvator. 4th June, 1505. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Andrew Murray, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, in honour of Almighty God, of S. Salvator, of the most blessed Virgin Mary, and of all saints, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of the late Agnes Nicholsoun, my wife, of my parents, benefactors, and all the faithful departed, have given . . . to a discreet man, Sir John Chaumer, my perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Salvator, founded by me in the Parish Church of the said burgh, my annual rents undernoted, namely—One annual rent of ten shillings and eight pence . . . from the whole land of Dauid Kyntor, lying within the said burgh, on the north side of the Castle Street, between the land of the late Ranald Talzeour on the east and the land of John Rattre on the west, and the public ways on the south and north; and another annual rent of ten shillings from the land, toft, and croft of the late Alexander Fyndelaw, flesher, all lying in Futy, between the land of the said Alexander on the south and the land of the late John Gallouay on the north, extending in length to the Lynkis[1] on the east and the public way[2] on the west, in augmentation of my chaplaincy founded anew at the said altar. To be held . . . the said Sir John and his successors . . . offering at the said altar the due and usual prayers for the salvation of the souls mentioned in my foundation . . . In testimony whereof my seal, and the seal of an honourable man, Patrick Leslie, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of this annual rent, are appended at Abirdene 4th June, 1505, before men of good fame—Sir Dauid Liell, Walter Wischeart, Robert Pip, William Nicholsoun, John Matland, burgesses; Andrew Nauchti, sergeant; (and) Sir John Stirueling, notary-public; along with the seal of Dauid Murray, my son and apparent heir, in sign of his consent and assent. Moreover, the said Sir John and his successors shall find a burning lamp and other lights at the said altar in all time to come, as the custom is at the other altars founded in the said church.

The sum of this is xxs. . . .

[1] Early mention of the Links. [2] The public road to Futy.

LV.

Precept of Sasine by Alexander Irvine of Drum on endowment to Altar of S. Ninian. 29th November, 1456. (Abstract.)

ALEXANDER IRUYNE of Drum, knight, to my beloved Alexander de Iruyne of Beldeis[1] and Thomas Smytht, my baillies in this quarter, greeting. (Know) that I have given . . . to God and the blessed Virgin Mary, and to S. Ninian, that glorious Confessor, and to all saints, as also to a chaplain celebrating and to celebrate for ever Divine service at the Altar of the said S. Ninian in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdenne, one annual rent of ten merks, with the pertinents thereof, from my lands of the Park of Drum and of Bodaracht, with the pertinents thereof, as is contained more fully in the charter made thereupon, to which chaplaincy, with its pertinents, we have presented, and by the tenor hereof do present, a discreet man, Sir John de Chalmer, chaplain of the diocese of Glasgow. Whereupon I require, bid, and command you, the one or the other of you, to give sasine and possession of the said annual rents to the said Sir John, or to his certified attorney, the bearer of these presents . . . and that without delay . . . and when this is done let your seal be appended after mine. Given under my seal at Kinharrochy,[2] 29th Nov., 1456. Witnesses—Alexander Iruyne of Beldeis, Alexander Bewmond and Thomas, the son of Henry, with divers others, etc.

LVI.

Feu Charter: Curate and Chaplains of the Choir to Mr. Alexander Bisset. 4th May, 1503. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of the burgh of Abirdenne (wish) eternal health in the Lord. Know that we, unanimously, our advantage in all respects being foreseen to, and carefully considered, have given, and let in feu, and have hereby confirmed to a beloved brother of our number, Mr. Alexander Bisset, perpetual chaplain at the Altar of the Holy

[1] Perhaps Bieldhouse, near Murtle.

[2] *Kinharrochy*—Irvine lands in the neighbourhood of Ellon.

Blood, situated within the same (church), all and whole our inner land lying within the said burgh in the Upperkirkgate on the north side thereof, lying between the land of Agnes Stirueling on the east, and the land of the late William Scherar on the west, the land of Margaret Buchane on the south, and extending lengthwise to the Mill-lade on the north, to be held by the said Mr. Alexander during his life, and thereafter by Muriel Prat, his mother, whom failing to Thomas Bisset, his brother-german for the whole of his life, and to John Bisset and George Bisset, and the longer liver of them, sons of the said Thomas, in free burgage;[1] whom failing, it shall return to us. . . . The said Mr. Alexander, Muriel, Thomas, John, George, and the longer livers of them rendering to the king the burgage service . . . and paying to the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Eloy, founded in the said church, one annual rent of five shillings and sixpence, and to us and our successors, four shillings Scots . . . In testimony whereof our common seal, and the seal of an honourable man, Thomas Leslie, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of this land, are appended, 4th May, 1503, before discreet and reputable men: Mr. Thomas Chamer; George Bisset; Sirs William Crukshank and William Andersone, chaplains; Patrick Ross; John Paule; John Cuk, sergeant; and Sir John Stirueling, notary-public.

LVII.

Charter by Sir John Prat, endowing Altar of SS. Thomas, Apostle, and George, Martyr. 23rd December, 1503. (Large Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir John Prat, chaplain of the Altars of the Holy Cross and of SS. Thomas, Apostle, and George, Martyr, within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Whereas . . . Know that I, in honour of Almighty God, of the most blessed Virgin Mary, and of all saints, have given . . . to God, to the most glorious Virgin Mary, and to all saints, and to the senior and more worthy chap-

[1] Norman-French in origin (bourgage), the word is a remnant of decaying Feudalism. It was a tenure of lands in towns, held by their owners of the king or other lord superior at a yearly rent.

lains of the choir of the said parish church, and to the persons under-noted, all and whole that annual rent of ten shillings, Scots, payable yearly from that whole land outer and inner of Alexander Couper, lying within the said burgh, in the Shiprow on the west side thereof, between the land of Robert Blinseill and the land of the late Patrick Clerk on the north, and the public way on the east, and the Hill of S. Katherine the Virgin on the west, for an anniversary and other Divine prayers for my soul, and the souls of my parents and all the faithful dead. To be held . . . by the foresaid chaplains and parsons[1] under-noted and their successors from me and my heirs . . . and to be uplifted annually by the collector-general of the said chaplains of our college[2] of Abirdene . . . for distribution in the manner following, viz.: To the crier of the said burgh, for going round the burgh on the night preceding my anniversary and (calling the people) to pray for my soul and the souls above mentioned, two pence annually; for the placing and setting of a decent table upon my monument (and) for wax (candles) at my anniversary, thirteen pence annually; to one of the senior chaplains of the church for the celebration of the office of the dead for the health of my soul, and of the souls aforesaid, four pence; to the sacrist of the said church for tolling the bells of the church three times at the said anniversary, six pence annually; to the thirteen of the more worthy chaplains of the said college who shall have been present on the occasion, and to two clerks of the choir, for celebrating one sung mass[3] annually on the day of my death, and twelve masses in the week follow-

[1] *Personis.* The word is used here in the wider, and modern sense, of clergymen generally. These chaplains were not parish priests; whereas, strictly speaking, a *parson*, according to Blackstone, is one with full possession of all the rights of a parochial church. He is *parson* or *persona ecclesiae*, because in his person the Church, itself invisible, is visibly represented. The restricted sense is found in Chaucer:—

> "A good man there was of religioun,
> That was a poure *Persone* of a toun:
> . . . .
> His *parishens* devoutly wolde he teche."—*The Prologue.*

[2] *Capellanorum collegii nostri.* The chaplains formed a body or college, and lived in a clergy-house (*cf.* LXXI.). Two old houses in Elgin, formerly residences of the cathedral clergy, bear to this day the names of "The North College," and "The South College". Here, however, it is the corporation that is meant, not the building.

[3] *Missa de nota*—a mass sung from the music.

ing, six shillings and ten pence ; and to the poor, or to scholars, on the same day, thirteen pence. The said chaplains and their collector being bound to celebrate the said anniversary on the day of my death, at the Altar of SS. Thomas, Apostle, and George, Martyr, within the said church, and the said crier and sacrist to perform their duties year by year in all time coming . . . In testimony whereof my seal, and the seal of a prudent man, John Ratre, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine, hereof, are appended at Abirdenn, 23rd December, 1503, before men honourable and of good repute: John Wormet, Matthew Branche, John Balcromy, junior, Thomas Storonye, burgesses and inhabitants of the said burgh; William Scrimgeour and Andrew Nachti, sergeants; and Sir John Stirueling, chaplain and notary-public.

LVIII.

Charter by Sir Andrew Coupar,[1] *endowing Altar of S. Martin. 4th Nov., 1506. (Large Abstract.)*

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir Andrew Coupar (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord; whereas . . . know therefore that I, for the augmentation of Divine worship, in honour of Almighty God, of the most blessed Virgin Mary, of SS. Nicholas, Martin, Katherine, and all saints of God, for the health of my soul, of the soul of the late William Coupar, my father, and of Agnes Coupar, my mother, and of the souls of our parents, benefactors, those from whom we got any benefits with all too little justice, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Martin within the Parish Church of the said burgh, founded by the late venerable Mr. Thomas Waus of good memory, Precentor of Moray, one annual rent of twenty shillings, Scots, . . . payable yearly from all and whole that land of John Lowe, smith, lying within the said burgh in the upper part of the Netherkirkgate, on the east side thereof between the public roads on the north and south, and the land of the

[1] The closing lines of the preceding Charter are written on the upper part of the page of the Chartulary whereon this Charter is engrossed. This title is inserted in a different hand above those lines.

late William Coupar, my father, on the west, to be held by the said chaplain . . . from me and my heirs, of our sovereign Lord the King . . . Know further that I have given . . . to the said chaplain . . . an annual rent of twenty shillings usual Scots money to be drawn from my house or land, upper and lower, lying contiguous between the forenoted land of John Lowe on the south, and the public ways on the north and east to be special warrant of the former annual rent in case it happen that the same our land be distrained for payment of the foresaid annual rent. To be held . . . by the said chaplain and his successors . . . of me and of my heirs . . . the said chaplain and his successors celebrating annually at the said altar Divine service for the health of my soul, and the souls aforesaid, and all the faithful dead, for one moiety of this annual rent; and for the other moiety thereof causing my anniversary to be kept in the manner following, viz.:—He shall cause the common crier to go round the whole burgh once a year on the Sabbath (Saturday) next after the day of my decease; and he shall cause be celebrated annually on the Lord's Day following, by the twelve senior chaplains of the said choir, one sung mass, with other private masses by all the chaplains of the choir throughout the week following; he shall place a table above my gravestone, and cover the same with a decent pall, and find lights every year in all time coming, for the salvation of my soul and the souls aforesaid . . . And if it happen that the said chaplain of S. Martin's Altar, for the time being, shall fail in the foresaid, or any part thereof, then it shall be lawful for the chaplains of the choir, at their own hands, to lift the said annual rent of twenty shillings, and for that year to celebrate my anniversary as aforesaid. Moreover, it shall be lawful for me to apply the said annual rent to my own use if I can provide for the said chaplain another annual rent of twenty shillings in a place more easily distrainable, and can enfeoff him therein. In testimony whereof my seal, and the seal of an honourable man, Thomas Wod, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of this annual rent, are appended at Abirdene, 4th November, 1506, before prudent and honest men—Alexander Malisone, Andrew Low, Andrew Gordoun, David Coupar, Sir William Coupar, William Scrimgeour, Andrew Nauchtj and John Cuk, sergeants; and Sir John Stirueling, notary public.

LIX.

Rental of the Altar of SS. Lawrence and Ninian[1] *founded by the late William de Leytht of Bernys.*[2] (*Translation.*)

IMPRIMIS, from the land of the late John Blabir, now John Blak's, lying in the Gallowgate, on the west side of the Netherkirkgate, between the land of the late William, (the son) of Andrew, (the son) of James,[3] on the one hand and the public road on the north, and the land of the late William Sprunt, now Gilbert Tulideff's, yielding to the said altar sixteen shillings a year.

Item, from the land of the late Symon Blabir, now John Colisone's, lying in the same street, on the west side, between the land of the late Robert Blinseile, now his heirs', on the north and the public ways[4] on the west and east, yielding to the said altar twenty shillings a year.

Item, from a land, lying in the upper part of the said street (the Gallowgate), belonging to the late John Crommy, but now John Watsone's, which the same John holds in feu from the chaplains of the choir of the church of S. Nicholas of this burgh, between the land of the chaplains of the college of the Cathedral Church of Abirdene on the south and the land of David Mar on the north, bringing in to the said altar six and eight pence a year.

Item, from the land of the said David Mar, lying in the same street, between the land of Thomas Buchan on the north and the land of the said John Watsone on the south, yielding eight shillings.

Item, from the land of the late John Wormet, lying in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof, at the corner of the Shiprow of the said burgh, between the land of Dauid Theman and Thomas Waus on the east and the land of the late Henry Crag on the west, yielding to the same altar thirty shillings a year.

Item, from a piece of land in Futy, commonly called The But, formerly yielding to this altar seven shillings, and now it yields nothing but twenty pence. It was built upon, but now is quite waste.

[1] The Northern burghs of Forres and Nairn respectively had these two saints as their patrons.

[2] See No. XLI., *supra*, p. 66.

[3] The man's name seems to have been William Anderson, the son of Andrew Jamieson.

[4] The Gallowgate (now Broad Street) and the Guestrow.

Item, from a croft called The Grethed[1] belonging to the Laird of Many, lying in the croftlands of Rubislaw, on the south side of the public road, near the Crabstane, towards the Justice Mill, yielding to the said altar five shillings and four pence a year; which has now for a long time been unjustly withheld by the holders of the same from the said altar, and payment has now been obtained.

Item, from the land of John Mar in the Castle Street, between the land of Sir John Stirueling on the one side and the land of the heirs of the late Thomas Chapman on the other, yielding to the altar twenty shillings a year.

Item, from Andrew Ancroft's land, alike front and back, lying in the same street, between Alexander Burnat's land on the east and the land of William Blinseile, couper,[2] on the west, yielding to the same altar twenty three shillings and four pence a year.

The sum of this chaplaincy is vj*lib.* vs. viij*d.*, except vs. from the said croft which is not paid.

LX.

Rental of the Altar of S. Eloy, Confessor. (*Translation.*)

IMPRIMIS, from the land of the late Gilbert Ryburne, now belonging to Dauid Broiss and Donald Baxter, portioner of the same, lying in the Shiprow, on the east side thereof, between the land of the late Andrew Lammyntone on the north and the land of the late Richard Ruyerfurd on the south, yielding to the said Altar twenty shillings a year . . .[3] (*sic*) Champane infeft the said altar in forty shillings from the same land, as is more fully contained in his foundation made thereanent.

Item, from the land of William Loremar, lying in the street of the Gastraw, between the land of William Futhes on the north and the land of . . .[3] (*sic*) on the north, and yielding to the said altar six and eight pence a year.

Item, from the land of the late Adam Litster, lying in the Upper-

[1] The name survives, under an altered form, in Headcroft Place between Dee Street and Gordon Street.

[2] Couper. So in the Chartulary. The word may denote either a cooper or a small shopkeeper.

[3] There are blanks here in the MS.

kirkgate of the said burgh, now belonging to Mr. Alexander Bisset, chaplain, and Alexander Tailzeour, portioner of the same, between the land of Agnes Stirueling on the east and the land of Alexander Mathousone on the west, yielding to the said altar ten shillings a-year.

Item, from the land of the late Andrew Smytht in Futy, now belonging to William Wat in Stanehife,[1] between the land of . . . (*sic*) on the south and the land . . . (*sic*) on the north, and yielding to the said altar five shillings a-year.

The sum of the chaplaincy is forty shillings and twenty pence.

LXI.

Charter by Alexander Gray, endowing the Curate and Chaplains of the Choir. 2nd May, 1509. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter Alexander Gray, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Since we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to receive, whether good or evil, according as we have done in the body, therefore it is expedient that we anticipate the day of final judgment by works of mercy, so that we may reap in heaven with multiplied fruit that which we sowed on earth. Know, therefore, that I, for the salvation of my soul, and of the souls of Elizabetht Hay, my spouse, of William Gray, my father, and Suna[2] Perri, my mother, my parents, benefactors, those from whom I received with scant justice any good things, and all the faithful dead, in honour of Almighty God, of the most blessed Virgin Mary, of S. Barbara, Virgin, and all the citizens of heaven, have given . . . to discreet and very learned men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of the said burgh, all and whole my annual rents under-written, recovered by me of my proper substance, viz.: One annual rent of fourteen shillings a-year from that whole land of the late Alexander Logy's, as well front as back, lying in the Gallowgate of the said burgh, on the west side thereof, between the land of Ninian Blinseil on the south, and the land of the

[1] Stanehife—Stonehaven. The spelling in the text represents very fairly the name of the town on the lips of the common people to the present day.

[2] For Susanna? There is, however, no sign of contraction.

late William Buchan on the north, and the public ways on the east and west. And another annual rent of six shillings and eight pence, Scots, from the said whole land of the late William Buchan, lying on the west side of the said street, between the land of the said late Alexander Logy on the south, and the land of the late John Lundoris on the north, . . . to be held . . . by the foresaid curate and chaplains, and their successors, the curates and chaplains of the said choir, from me and my heirs, . . . and, if necessary, with the right of distraining these lands, the inhabitants, and their goods, as often as need is. . . . In return for which annual rents, the said curate, chaplains, and their successors, shall celebrate and sing annually one anniversary at the said Altar of S. Barbara, situated within the church, viz.: The obsequies of the dead in the Eve of S. Ninian, and a sung mass on S. Ninian's Day,[1] with the other masses of the trenthal during the week following, as the custom is. Moreover, the collector for the time being of the said chaplains shall cause the crier to perambulate the whole burgh on the said Eve of S. Ninian with the smaller bell,[2] so that the people be incited to pray for the souls aforesaid. He shall set and place upon (my) gravestone a table, and cover it with a decent pall or decking, and find wax lights, and make prayers, and everything else as for a like anniversary; and shall cause the sacristan to toll the customary bells of the church three times for these obsequies and for the great sung mass, as use is . . . And the foresaid collector for the time being shall pay the said anniversary in numbered money at the time of the celebration of these obsequies and masses to the chaplains of the said choir present at and taking part in the services. . . . In witness whereof my seal and the seal of an honourable man, Thomas Leslie, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and the giver of sasine hereupon, are appended, at Aberdene, 2nd May, 1509, before men honourable and of

[1] S. Ninian's Day is 18th Sept. His day was a "lesser double" in the Calendar of the Cathedral of Aberdeen. (*Registrum Aberdonense*, ii. 19.) In the Scottish Prayer-book of 1637, it is a "black letter" day. He was the patron saint of the Blinseil family, who founded in his honour the chapel on the Castle-hill. (For a full account of this chapel see *Transactions* of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society, 1889.)

[2] The hand-bell anciently used for this purpose in the parish of Birnie, in Moray, is still preserved there, and is called the "Coronach bell". It was used till recently for calling the people to funerals. It is smaller than its more celebrated companion the still more ancient "Ronnell Bell".

good repute: John Cullane, Dauid Rutherfurd, Andrew Gordone, John Fechat, John Grene, Thomas Pile, burgesses and inhabitants of the said burgh; Sir Robert Pathousone, chaplain; William Scrimgeour, sergeant; and Sir John Stirueling, notary-public.

LXII.

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Charter by Thomas Blinseill, endowing Altar of S. Peter.[1] *20th February,* $145\frac{5}{6}$. (*Large Abstract.*)

To all the sons of holy Mother Church who shall see or hear this charter, Thomas Blinseill, burgess of Abirden, (wisheth) everlasting health in the Lord. Know that I for the increase of Divine service, for the health of my soul, and of the souls of the late Marjory and Elizabeth, my wives, of our predecessors and successors, and of all the faithful dead, with consent and assent of Alexander and William, my sons, and heirs by either marriage, have given . . . to Almighty God and the blessed Virgin Mary, to S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and to all saints, and to one fit chaplain celebrating and to celebrate for ever at the Altar of the foresaid S. Peter, situated in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the burgh of Abirden, the sum of ten merks Scots . . . to be drawn yearly from the lands, tenements, and crofts underwritten, viz.:—From the land of William de Coutis[2] lying in the Grene, between a certain land belonging to the Altar of S. Ninian on the south, and the public road on the north, ten shillings. And from the land of John Vobster lying in the Grene, between the land of Sir Thomas, the son of Andrew, chaplain, on the north, and the land of Thomas Vobster on the south, four shillings.[3] And from the land of David Dun, masoun, lying in the Shiprow, between the land of John Ettale on the south, and the land of Robert Gillespi on the north, twenty two shillings.[4] Also from a land lying on the north side of the

[1] The handwriting here is superior to what goes before. This is not the original founding of this Altar, but an augmentation of its revenues. The original founder would appear to have been Lawrence Pyot, archdeacon of Aberdeen and vicar of Inverugie. (See No. XXXV., and *cf.* XXVII. and LXII.) The Church of Inverugie was dedicated to S. Peter. (*Registrum Aberdonense*, ii. 56.)

[2] Got out to John and Andrew Rothes in few farm. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

[3] For vis. 8*d.* regularly let. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

[4] Obtained xs. in use of payment. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

Netherkirkgate, between the land of the late William Caleman on the west, and the land of Fyndelai (Findlay) Schefar on the east, ten shillings. And from the land of the heirs of the late John Gray lying in the Gastraw, between my own land on the south, and the land of Geoffrey Burnet on the north, four shillings. And from a certain land of my own lying in the west (side) of the Gallowgate, between the land of Robert Quhit on the south, and the land of Symon Cwper on the north, fourteen shillings. And from the land of the late Buchan (*sic*) lying on the north side of the Castle Street, between (the land) of the heirs of the late Robert Angus on the east, and the land of Adam Kymesoun on the east, six shillings. *Item*, from the land of John Scherar lying on the north side of the same street, between the land of Nicholas Benyng on the west, and the land of Alexander Rolland on the east, five shillings. And from a croft which Hugh Flesser holds of me lying at the Gallowgatehead, between that of the heirs of John Casse on the north, and the croft of William Fechet on the south, extending on the west from the king's high way, and on the east to the way beneath the foot of the hill by which one goes to the Chanonry.[1] *Item*, from a croft[2] lying under the Hedownis-hill,[3] between the croft of Andrew Menzes on the north, and the croft of the late Richard Fechet called The Fluris on the south, three shillings. *Item*, from a croft called Halylandis, with the Witlands lying between the croft of John Mair on the south, and the croft of Andrew Menzes on the north, thirteen shillings and four pence. *Item*, from a croft called Imlawis Rig lying in the territory of the said crofts, between the croft of John Mair on the north, and the croft of Andrew Mar on the other side, two shillings. *Item*, from a croft lying in the croftlands on the east side of the burgh of Abirden, between the croft of the Friars Preachers on the south, and the croft of John Wricht on the north, thirteen shillings and four pence. Also from a croft lying in the croftlands of Futy called the Schore Rigs, between the croft of Alexander Cryne on the south,

[1] The text has *ad cananiam*, probably for *canoniam*—the Cathedral precinct where the canons had their manses. The word remains in the street called the Chanonry, in Old Aberdeen, and in "the Presbytery of Chanonry"—so called from its place of meeting at the see-town of the ancient diocese of Ross. The path referred to is now West North Street.

[2] Thomas Murray in vse of payment (*Note in Chartulary.*)

[3] Heading-hill.

and the croft of Archibald Leitht on the north, and from two crofts called the Lang Rigs in the same district, between the croft of the heirs of Laurence Leitht on the north, and the croft of John Blinseill on the south side of the one croft, and on the north of the other croft, and the croft of the said John on the south, thirteen shillings and four pence. *Item*, from a land lying in the village of Futy, between the land of William Maitland on the south, and the land of Findelai Flesscher[1] on the north, ten shillings. To be held and lifted by the said altar and the chaplains thereof from me and my heirs . . . the said chaplain for the time being offering the supplication of devout prayers at the said altar for the repose of our souls aforesaid, and upholding Divine service in the choir of the said church . . . The patronage of the said chaplaincy after my lifetime shall belong to Alexander Blinseill, my first-born, for the one turn, and to William Blinseill, my second son, for the next turn, and so passing in alternate turns to their heirs for ever . . . In testimony whereof my seal, along with the seal of a prudent man, Alexander Blinseill, my son, then one of the baillies of the said burgh, is appended at Abirden, 20th Feb., 1455, before prudent and circumspect witnesses—John Scrogis, son, then Provost of the burgh; John Fyf, John Mar, Andrew Cullane, John Scrogis, father, Andrew Ancroft, Mr. John Cadzoucht, Andrew Menzes, Duncan Clat, burgesses of the said burgh; Sirs William Wokat, Duncan Clerk, Thomas Ra, William Blinseill, Duncan Zoill,[2] John Modane, chaplains; and John Tulidef, sergeant; with divers others.

Moreover,[3] the rental is augmented by twenty shillings, to be drawn in future at the two half-yearly terms from a certain land lying in the north of the Castle Street, between the land of the late Thomas Fif, now belonging to the Abbey of Arbroitht, on the west and S. Peter's land on the east, the King's high way on the south and the vennel lying between the same land and that land which belonged to the late Andrew Allansone, now Gilbert Menzes', which land once was Mr.

[1] Could "Findelai flesscher" be the same as the Alexander Fyndelaw, carnifex, of liv.? It is noticeable that in this deed (LXII.) we have a person of the name of Buchan mentioned without Christian name.

[2] Zoill = Yule, the *z* being simply the short *y*.

[3] The addition is in the same handwriting, but the whole is a copy made long after 1455.

John Baizenaucht's, but now belongs to the vicars of the Cathedral Church of Abirdeen, as I have faithfully extracted from the charter made thereanent.

LXIII.

Charter by John de Kingorne, secundus, endowing the Vicar and Chaplains. 4th February, $143\frac{8}{9}$.[1] *(Large Abstract.)*

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To all who shall see or hear this charter, John de Kingorne, secundus, nephew of (John de Kingorne), primus, Vicar of Aberdene, wisheth everlasting health in the Lord. Know all that I, led by devotion and the instinct of charity, have given . . . to the vicar of Aberdene and the chaplains of the same to the number of thirty, if there be so many, and if not to those who are for the time being, successively, one annual rent of twenty one shillings to be paid prompt at one term, namely, on the Feast of S. John the Baptist, viz.—Ten shillings from a croft lying within the croft-lands of Rubislaw, between the King's high way leading from the Crabistane towards the cross called Frasseris Cruss[2] on the east and the Millecroft on the west, and between the King's high way extending from the foresaid stone to the Justice Mills on the north and the (farm-)town of Freirtoune on the south; and six shillings and eight pence from a land lying below S. Katharine's Hill, on the west side of the said Hill, and having on its east side a tower[3] and on the west the public vennel, between the land of John Christine on the south and the land of Sir Hugh de Vellis[4] on the north, the which land John, the son of Thomas, holds from me in feu and heirship: and four shilling and four pence from a land lying on the west side of the said vennel, as it were opposite the foresaid land, and the Mill-burn flowing down on the west, the which land John,

[1] See *infra*, Appendix I., No. 1.

[2] Frasseris Cruss = Fraser's Cross. Such wayside crosses must have been common. In the neighbourhood of another Northern cathedral city, Elgin, there were at least three: the names of two are perpetuated in Stone Cross Hill and Palmers-Cross, on the roads leading to Elgin from east and west respectively. I remember to have seen the pillar of the Bishop's Cross, which stood on the old road leading to Elgin from the Episcopal Palace of Spynie.

[3] Clibanus.

[4] Sir Hugh de Vellis—perhaps "of Wells".

called Clerk,[1] holds from me in feu and heirship, between the land of John Club, dyer, on the south and a rood of land formerly said to have belonged to (the Altar of) S. Anne on the north, To be held . . . by the said vicar and his successors, and by chaplains elected by the vicar, and the chaplains of Holy Cross, S. Mary, and S. Michael, to the number of thirty, if there are as many . . . reserving to myself the free holding of the tenement of the said lands, with the pertinents thereof, all the days of my life, which tenement also I absolutely and similarly gift and bequeath to the vicar and his successors as aforesaid, and to the chaplains serving for the time being in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, who shall celebrate annually an anniversary for my soul and the souls that are being exercised in purgatory,[2] under this form, viz.—On the Sabbath (Saturday) after the Feast of Corpus Christi the exequies of the dead, that is, a *Placebo*[3] and *Dirige*[4] with a Novena,[5] in the Parish Church of Aberdene, and on the Lord's Day following let prayer be made at the great mass, yet in such a way that the Sunday mass shall not be hindered, and on the morrow, on Monday, a trenthal of masses, with thirty priests elected as above out of those who are more often and more regularly present in choir at the canonical hours in their habit, and if not (so many) to those present to celebrate the foresaid office. I will, however, that the vicar shall have a double portion, to be counted before the others. But if it happen that the vicar or any chaplain, through forgetfulness, neglect, or sloth, or any other cause, shall not have celebrated the said offices in form as aforesaid, I will that the chaplains of Holy Cross, S. Mary, and S. Michael for that year shall draw and dispose of that same portion proportionally among those who have commemorated my soul with

[1] Clericus.

[2] *Animabus exercentibus in purgatorio.* An exact statement of the doctrine of purgatory.

[3] *Placebo*, the Vespers of the Dead, so called from the first antiphon which occurs in them, *Placebo Domino in regione viventium* (I shall please the Lord in the land of the living). The words are from Psalm cxvi. (counted Psalm cxiv. in the Vulgate). The rendering of the English Authorised Version is: "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living".

[4] *Dirige*, the Mattins of the Dead, where the first antiphon in the first nocturn is, *Dirige, Domine Deus meus, in conspectu Tuo viam meam* (Make straight my way in Thy sight, O Lord my God). The words are from Psalm v. 8; the English renderings are: "Make Thy way straight (Prayer Book, 'plain') before my face".

[5] *Novena*, a nine days' preparation of prayer for any desired object.

prayer in the mass, as they shall wish to answer before the Great Judge. Whence it is said, "Whoso knoweth his (true) gain, knoweth God, and every thing which passeth hath its burden". But if the vicar, or other chaplain, has not been personally present at mattins, that is, the *Dirige* of these exequies, and also not in the choir in his habit from end to end of the service, he shall lose his share for that time, which portion shall be distributed according to the discretion of the vicar and chaplains aforesaid in celebration of masses for the dead, or in charity. But if any of the chaplains, on the Monday as aforesaid, shall not celebrate in the Parish Church the trenthal of masses as aforesaid for the souls in purgatory, specifying my soul, he shall lose his portion, which portion shall be disposed of as above. I will also that the clerks shall have eight pence from the lands of John, the son of Thomas, and of John Clerk, for tolling my memorial annually. In testimony whereof my seal is appended to these presents ; and for greater evidence I have procured, with the efforts that beseemed me, the common seal of the burgh of Aberdene, along with the seal of Andrew Branche, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine, at Aberdene 4th February, 1438, in the presence of Sir William Bouse, Sir William Leitht, chaplains ; John Mayr, Thomas Blinsell, and John Trail, burgesses ; and Alexander Skynnar, at that time beadle ; along with several others specially called and requested to be present.

Copy certified by Mr. John Kennedy, notary public.

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LXIV.

Charter by Stephen de Balcrony, endowing Altar of S. Stephen. 18th March, 144$\frac{4}{5}$. (*Large Abstract.*)

To all the faithful in Christ who shall see or hear this charter Stephen de Balcronj, burgess of the burgh of Aberdene, wisheth everlasting health in the Lord. Know that I, for the increase of Divine worship, and for the health of my soul, and the souls of Marjory (Mariota), my spouse, of our parents, friends, predecessors, children, and successors, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to Almighty God, and to His Mother the blessed Virgin Mary, and all

saints, and to the Altar of S. Stephen, the First Martyr, situated within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, Confessor, of the said burgh, and to the chaplain celebrating and to celebrate for ever Divine service at the said altar, all and each the annual rents under-mentioned, which, imploring the Divine providence, I have acquired of mine own substance, due annually from the under-mentioned lands, viz.: From a certain land of mine, lying on the west side of the Gallowgate, between my own land on the north, and the common public way which leads from the market place (*forum*) of the said burgh to the Shiprow on the south, and the two public ways on the east and west, six merks, Scots. And I grant, will, and oblige myself and my heirs, successors, and assigns whomsoever, to keep up[1] and supply in all necessaries the said land, and as often as the same begins to decay in whole or in any part thereof; we, however, or any one of us, shall never receive any sum of money pertaining to us from the said land for one or two terms, until the said land is sufficiently kept up, put right, and supplied in the sight and judgment of the chaplain of the said altar for the time being. And from the land of Henry Ryny, lying in the quarter of Futy, between the land of the heirs of the late William Cryne on the south, and the land of William de Westland on the north, six shillings and eight pence. And from a certain land of mine, lying in the Shiprow, on the west side thereof, between the land of Andrew Wricht on the south, and the land of Thomas Blinseile on the north, six shillings and eight pence. And from a land in the Gaistraw, on the west side thereof, between the land of the heirs of the late John Marsar on the north, and the land belonging to the House of the Holy Trinity on the south, thirteen shillings and four pence. And from that land of mine which I live in, lying in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, between the land of Adam, the son of Nicholas, on the south, and the land of Sir Andrew Scheres, chaplain, on the north, thirteen shillings and four pence. And from a certain land of mine, lying in the Gallowgate, on the east side thereof, between the land of John Scherar on the north, and the land of Duncan Lundoris on the south, six shillings and eight pence. And from that croft of mine with the kiln at the west end of it, lying at the end of the street,

[1] The wisdom of this provision, from the churchman's point of view, is illustrated by the numerous cases of lands "now *waste*," which formerly had yielded much more than they were doing when the Chartulary was written.

on the east side of the same, between the croft of the heirs of Sir Alexander Barklay of Grantulie, knight, on the north, and the croft of Andrew Ancroft on the south, six shillings and eight pence. And from that small croft of mine, lying in the croft-lands of Futy, between the common vennel called Garvacke's Wynd [1] on the north, and a croft of William Stradee on the south, two shillings a year for the up-keep of a lamp and other necessaries for the said altar. And from another land of mine, lying in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, between the land of William Smyt on the north, and the land of the heirs of the late William Fichat on the south, four shillings. And that upper sole of ground of mine in the north end of my foresaid land, lying in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, between the land of the late Angus, the son of Adam, on the north, and two public ways on the east and south, and my own land on the west, to remain for ever for a chamber for the said chaplain for the time being.[2] To be held, etc., . . . by the said altar and the chaplain thereof, . . . the said chaplain for the time being bound to perform the service of the Church, and to make the offerings of devout prayers at the foresaid Altar of S. Stephen in the foresaid church. Likewise I will and grant, in behalf of myself, my heirs and assigns, that the said perpetual chaplain and his successors shall be bound to give personal attendance with the other chaplains in a decent and respectable habit at the greater hours on Sundays and double feasts, according to the use of the said Parish Church. . . . The patronage of the said chaplaincy to remain to my son Richard and his heirs and successors forever; and if it happen that the said Richard or his heirs or successors being engaged in business for a year and a day in parts remote, a vacancy meanwhile arising in the chaplaincy, then the Provost, Baillies and Council of the said burgh for the time being, with the consent and assent of the vicar of the said church, the chaplain of Holy Cross Altar, and the chaplain of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, shall be entitled to dispose of it as they shall wish to answer for the same before God. . . . In testimony whereof my seal is appended to this present charter, and . . . the

[1] Called Garvock's Wynd to the present day. This is important, as determining the position of these croft-lands.

[2] A rather unusual bequest, for a rather unusual purpose. The donor evidently wished his chaplain to reside near him.

seal of a prudent man, Alexander Blinseile, then one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of the foresaid annual rents and chamber to the foresaid altar and chaplain, . . . at the said burgh of Abirdene, 18th March, 1444, before honourable and prudent witnesses: John Fif, John Scrogis (father), Duncan de Clat, Matthew Fichat, Andrew de Cullan, John de Scrogis (son), William Rollande, Andrew Ancroft, Thomas Blinseile; Mr. Robert Stewart, vicar; Sir John Pettimweyme, Sir Andrew Scherate, Sir John Lamb, chaplains; and Malcolm Daker, then sergeant; with many and divers others.

Copy certified by Alexander Portar, notary-public.

LXV.

Charter by Stephen Balrony, endowing the Altar of S. Stephen, and Lamps for the Altars of S. Mary and S. Nicholas. 8th March, 145$\frac{4}{5}$. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Stephen Balrone,[1] burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, wisheth everlasting health in the Lord. Know that I, with the instinct of charity, and for the honour of God Almighty, and His most glorious Mother, the Virgin Mary, and of all saints, and specially for the honour of S. Stephen, the First Martyr, for the salvation of my soul, and of the souls of Marjory, my wife, of our parents, and successors, and all the faithful dead, have given . . . to the chaplains who daily celebrate Divine service within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the said burgh, one anniversary of twenty shillings a year to be drawn by the said chaplains or their collector from the land of William Eddendeach lying within the said burgh on the north side of the Upperkirkgate, between the land of the heirs of the late John Traile on the west, and the land of the heirs of the late Valende[2] Skynnar on the east. Also to the endowed perpetual chaplains of the Altars of the most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and of S. Nicholas, situated in the foresaid church, one annual rent of six shillings due to me, and payable from the land of Adam Crafurde lying within the said burgh on the north side of the Upperkirkgate, between the land of Mr. John Cadiou on the west and the land of John Litstar, the son of Edward, on the east, to be kept for ever for the purpose of

[1] Balrony: no doubt the same as Balcrony in LXIV., the *c* being dropped in popular speech.

[2] Valende. Are there other instances of this Christian name?

finding annually oil for the lamps of the said altars, to be drawn by the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Stephen, the First Martyr, situated in the said church, and the patron of the same for the time being; the said anniversary and annual rent to be held . . . of the foresaid chaplains and their successors in pure and perpetual alms from me, my heirs and assigns . . . The said chaplains henceforth performing annually at the said Altar of S. Stephen on the Saturday (Sabbath) next after the Feast of the Epiphany (6th January), one *Placebo* and *Dirige* with music, and thereafter a trenthal without music, for my soul, and the soul of Marjory, my wife, of our sons and successors, and of all the faithful dead. . . . Also I will and grant that Sir Andrew Serass, chaplain of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the whole of his lifetime shall have the power of distributing the said anniversary to the foresaid chaplains, and specially to those of them who convene more regularly, and are present and in residence in a decent habit at the greater hours daily in the said church. And after his decease, I will that it be distributed as provided, seen to, and considered by the vicar of the said church, and the chaplain of the Altar of S. Stephen, for ever. . . . In testimony whereof, my seal is appended to this charter, and for greater evidence I have procured the seal of a prudent man, Alexander Blendseill, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine, in the name of Sir Andrew Serass, chaplain, and the foresaid chaplains. . . . At the said burgh, 8th March, 1454, before these witnesses: Duncan Clat, William Eddendeach, William Cantuly, Thomas de Chalmer and Adam de Crafurd, burgesses of the said burgh; Sir John Modane, Sir John Murrawe, and Sir Duncan Yhonde,[1] chaplains; and Malcolm Dakre, one of the sergeants of the said burgh; with many and divers others.

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LXVI.

Narrative of the Process of Recovery of the Land of Philip Dunbrek for the Curate and Chaplains of the College of S. Nicholas of Aberdeen. 13th March, 151^{0}_{1}. (*Translation.*)

To all and sundry to whose knowledge these present letters shall

[1] This may perhaps, be a form of Young; Sir Andrew Serass in this charter is probably the "Sir Andrew Scherate" of the preceding.

come, John Mar, James Colisoun, Andrew Fiff, and Walter Culane, baillies of the burgh of Abirdene, wish eternal health in the Lord. Seeing it is a pious and meritorious thing to bear faithful testimony to the truth, and specially in matters which are determined judicially before the judges and officers of our supreme Lord the King in the exercise of their duty, therefore it is that before us in a full and Head Court held in the Town-house of the said burgh, on Monday, 13th March, 1510, there came to the bar a discreet man, Sir John Waus, collector of the chaplains of the college of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the said burgh, and craved from the common clerk three processes by him lawfully deduced in three previous Head Courts concerning the recovery of the proprietorship of that inner piece of waste land with the pertinents thereof belonging to the late Philip Dunbrek and Elizabet Dabir, his spouse, lying within the said burgh on the south side of the Netherkirkgate, between the land of Andrew Melvyn on the east, and the land of John Malisoun on the west, and the land of the late Patrick Stiklok on the south, and the front land of S. Ann, the Mother of Mary, on the north, in default of payment of one annual rent of ten shillings, Scots, due to the said chaplains, and long unpaid. Which three processes having been read through and proved according to law, the said Sir John, in the name of the said chaplains, prayed us for the fulfilment of right and justice; whereupon the hour of the day having been waited for according to law, and no party appearing or opposing, all having interest having been lawfully called, and none compearing, the said Sir Collector deposited his pledge in the hands of William Scrimgeiour, sergeant, that he gained his case for the recovery of the said piece of waste land with its pertinents. Wherefore it was decreed by the Court, and given for judgment by the mouth of William Fynne, crier of the said court, that the said collector, in the name of the said chaplains, has lawfully recovered the property of the said waste land with its pertinents, for and because of the failure in payment of the said annual rent of ten shillings. Concerning all which the said Sir John prayed for our letters testimonial to be strengthened by our seals, along with the signature of the under-mentioned notary-public, which we kindly gave to him. In the year, month, and place aforesaid, the fourteenth indiction, and the eighth year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ and our lord, the lord Julius II., by Divine providence, Pope,

these things were done in the said Town-house, about eleven o'clock a.m., or thereby, in the year, day, month, indiction and pontificate aforesaid—these prudent and honest men, Patrick Reid, Dauid Steuart, Dauid Mar, senior, Andrew Meldrum, Duncan Fyff, burgesses of the said burgh; Normand Lesley, Andrew Nauchtie, and Gilbert Prestoun, sergeants, called and asked to the foresaid.

And I, John Stirueling, presbyter of S. Andrews, with Imperial and Royal authority . . .

(*The rest of the notary's docquet is illegible.*)

LXVII.

Narrative of the Process of Recovery of the Land of Thomas Og.[1] *5th October*, 1517. (*Abstract.*)

To all and sundry to whose knowledge these present letters shall come, Alexander Ruderfurde, Alexander Menzes, Duncan Mar, and Patrick Lesley, junior, baillies of the burgh of Abirden, (wish) eternal health in the Lord. Whereas . . . therefore it is that before us sitting in full and Head Court, held within the Town-house of the said burgh on Monday, 5th October, 1517, there came to the bar a discreet man, Sir Dauid Liell, collector of the chaplains of the college of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the said burgh; and craved from the common clerk three processes by him lawfully deduced in the three previous Head Courts, of and concerning recovery of the proprietorship of that piece of waste land of the late Thomas Og's, lying on the north face of the Castle Street, over against the Port of the same, between the land of the late John Wilraingsoun on the west and the public ways on the east and south, in default of payment of one annual rent of six shillings and eight pence, Scots, lawfully due to the said chaplains and long unpaid. Which three processes, being read through and lawfully proved, the said Sir Dauid, in name of the said chaplains, prayed us for the fulfilment of law and justice. Whereupon, the hour of the day being waited for according to law, no party appearing or objecting, and all having interest being lawfully called and none appearing, the said Sir David deposited his pledge in the hands of Normand Lesley, sergeant, that he had gained his case for the recovery of the proprietorship of the

[1] 1594. Now the heirs of the late William Rannaldsoun. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

said waste land, with its pertinents. Wherefore it was decreed by the Court and given for judgment, by the mouth of Alexander Tailzeour, crier of the court, that the said Sir Dauid, in name of the chaplains, had lawfully recovered the said waste land, with its pertinents, on account of default in payment of the foresaid annual rent. On all which the said Sir Dauid respectfully requested our letters testimonial to be confirmed with our seals and the signature of the under-mentioned notary-public; which we kindly conceded in the year, day, month, and place aforesaid. In the sixth indiction, the fourth year of the pontificate of our most holy father in Christ and lord, the lord Leo X., Pope, were these things done in the foresaid Town-house, about 11 o'clock a.m., in the presence of honest and trustworthy men—Thomas Waus, Dauid Mar, Junior, Alexander Wentoune, Walter Howosoun, Robert Menzes, burgesses of the said burgh; William Scrimgeour, David, the son of Henry, and Walter Allansoun, sergeants, witnesses called and asked to the foresaid.

And I, John Sterling, presbyter of S. Andrews, notary-public with Imperial and Royal authority, was present, etc. . . .

[*The docquet of the notary is illegible.*]

LXVIII.

Feu Charter by Mr. Thomas Chawmer to Richard Murray. 20th April, 1519. (*Abstract.*)

To[1] all who shall see or hear this charter, Mr. Thomas Chawmer,[2] Curate, and the chaplains of the Choir of the Parish Church of S.[3] Nicholas of Abirden, (wish) eternal health in the Lord. Know that we our own advantage herein, and that of our successors, being diligently considered and fully understood, have given . . . in feu to a religious man, Brother Richard Murray,[4] the minister[5] of the House

[1] This charter has one of the few attempts at an ornamental letter in the Chartulary.

[2] Mr. Thomas Chalmer was the son of Thomas Chalmer, burgess, by his spouse, Elizabeth Blinseile, to whom he was served heir in 1535, and is best known to us as the promulgator of a doctrine which almost lost him his position as curate. This "heresy" consisted in his holding and publicly teaching that all altarages, chaplainaries, etc., were directly in the gift of the Pope

[3] *Divus.*

[4] Now Mr. Robert Chalmers's. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

[5] Minister, *i.e.*, the friar who attended to the secular business of the convent, like the collector of the chaplains. See Necrologium Domûs Sancti Francisci (*Miscellany of Spalding Club*).

of the Holy Trinity of the said burgh, all and whole that land of ours nearly waste, and the garden of the same, with its pertinents, lying within the said burgh in the Green, on the north side thereof, between the land of the late John Malisoun on the east and the land of the late Andrew Lamyntoun on the west, the public way on the south, and the common vennel on the north, to be held . . . by the said minister and his successors, as ministers of the said house, in feu and perpetual heirship . . . with the due length and breadth thereof, with the buildings thereupon constructed and to be constructed, with the stones and lime . . . and on condition of paying annually to us and our successors twenty shillings, Scots . . . in name of feu-rent, and also on the added condition that if it happens that the said minister, his successors, or whosoever may be possessing the same land, should fail in payment of the said annual feu-rent . . . for the space of three terms, they having been craved, then it shall be lawful for us and our successors, without any process of law or noise, to have free entrance. . . . In faith and testimony of all which our common seal and the seal of an honourable man, Patrick Lesley, senior, one (of the baillies) of this burgh, are appended at the same on the twentieth of April, 1519, in the presence of honourable men—Richard Waus, Duncan Mar, David Arrot, burgesses of Abirden; Norman Lesley, sergeant; and Mr. David Nicolsoun, notary-public and clerk of court.

Copy certified by Mr. William Philipsoun, notary-public, 25th April, 1520, and signed—

Brother Richard Murray, minister, with my own hand.
Brother David Clark, with my own hand.
Brother Symon Gray, with my own hand.[1]
For ourselves and our successors.

LXIX.

Charter by James Colisone, endowing the Curate and Chaplains of the Choir. 14th December, 1519. (Large Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter James Colisoun, burgess

[1] These "Brothers" are, of course, Trinity Friars.

of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Having well considered the shortness of the time of this present world, and the length of that world to come, joyous indeed to those who in their lifetime have done good deeds, but to last for ever full of anxiety and woe to those who do the contrary: wishing, therefore, to forestall the day of final judgment with works of mercy, so that what we have sowed on earth we may gather with manifold increase in heaven: Wherefore, know that I, in honour of Almighty God, and of Mary, His spotless Mother, and of all the citizens of heaven, for the health of my soul, and the souls of my wives, brothers, children, parents and benefactors, and for the souls of those from whom I obtained anything with scant justice—and, notably, for the soul of Sir Andrew Colisoun, my brother-german—and for the souls of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene all and whole my annual rents under-written, recovered of my own gain, namely: One annual rent of twelve shillings, Scots, payable annually from all and whole that tenement of the late Dauid Adamsoun, burgess of Abirdene, lying within the said burgh, in the Gallowgate, on the east side thereof, between the land of the late John Stuart, burgess of Abirdene, on the south, and the land of John Cullane on the north, the public way on the west, and the croft-lands on the east of the said burgh. One annual rent of two shillings, Scots, from the whole tenement of John Piper *alias* Cuming, lying in the same street, on the west side thereof, between the land of Duncan Andersoun *alias* Wandy on the north, and the land of John Reid on the south. Another annual rent of two shillings, Scots, from the whole tenement of the late Mr. Andrew Porter, lying on the same side of the said street, between the land of Andrew Stratoun on the north, and the land of the late George Saidlar on the south. Likewise that annual of rent of mine of two shillings, Scots, from all and whole the tenement of the late William Belti, lying in the street commonly called the Schuilhille, between the land of the heirs of the late Thomas Meldrum on the east, and the land of the heirs of the late Andrew Stevinsoun on the west. And another annual rent of mine of two shillings, Scots, from the whole tenement of Nicholas Baxter, lying in the Netherkirkgate, between the land of Duncan Gilruy on the east, and the land of the late Mr. John Banzenaucht, vicar of Gemry, on the west. To be held . . . For which annual rents the said

curate and chaplains and their successors shall annually celebrate for ever one anniversary, namely: the office of the dead—that is, *Placebo* and *Dirige* in the first vigil of the feast that next follows the day of my burial—and a sung mass in the same service, along with a trenthal of masses, as the custom is, in the week following, for the souls of the aforesaid and of all the faithful dead, and for my intentions whatsoever. Moreover, the collector of the said chaplains for the time being shall cause the crier with a handbell to go round the town in the said vigil of my obsequies, that the people may be incited to pray for the health of the aforesaid souls; he shall place upon my monument a table, and cover it with a pall or other seemly decking, and shall find wax lights. Moreover, the sacristan of the foresaid church shall cause the church bells to be rung thrice at the said obsequies and at the sung mass on the said feast, as in like anniversaries; and shall cause to be made in full such other prayers as are in use and wont on the like anniversaries. And all these shall be, without fail, observed each year for ever by the said chaplains, collector, and their successors, as they would wish to answer before the Most High Judge. . . . In testimony whereof my seal, along with the seal of Patrick Leslie, senior, one of the baillies of Abirdene and giver of sasine, are appended, in his house on the 14th December, 1519, before these witnesses, prudent and honest men: Sir Dauid Waus, Sir Dauid Leis, chaplains; William Scrimgeour, Dauid Heroun and Norman Leslie, sergeants; with divers others.

Copy certified by Mr. William Philipsoun, notary-public, 14th May, 1521.

LXX.

Charter by John Litstar, endowing the Curate and Chaplains of the Choir. 5th April, 1512. (*Large Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir John Litstar, chaplain of the Altar of SS. Crispin and Crispinian in the Parish Church of Aberdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Since we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Our Lord Jesus Christ to receive either good or evil according as we have done in the body, therefore it is expedient

to prevent with works of mercy the day of final judgment so that we may reap in heaven with abundant increase that which we have sowed on earth—wherefore know that I, moved by the Divine intuition of charity, in honour of Almighty God, of the most blessed Virgin Mary, of SS. Nicholas and Barbara, and all the citizens of heaven, for the health of my soul, and the souls of my parents, benefactors, kinsmen, and those from whom I have received aught with scant justice, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to venerable and discreet men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the said church, all and whole my annual rents under-written at mine own cost recovered, namely: one annual rent of eight shillings, Scots, due from all and whole those roods and particles[1] of lands and from the buildings on the same belonging to Andrew Jake, burgess of the burgh of Inueroury, lying within the said burgh of Inueroury, namely, from the said Andrew's three roods lying on the east of the said burgh, between the kirk-lands on the north, and the lands of William Tailzeour on the south, and the king's highway on the east. And from two roods of land lying on the east of the same between the lands of Robert Andersone on the south, and the land of John Andersone on the north, the water of Oury on the east, and the king's highway on the west. One annual rent of six shillings, Scots, from two roods or particles of lands and buildings belonging to Hugh Andersone, burgess of the said burgh of Inueroury, lying within the same on the west side thereof, between the lands of Robert Andersone, junior, on the south, and the lands of William Blakhall of that Ilk on the north, the king's highway on the east, and the lands of our Sovereign Lord the King on the west. And one annual rent of eleven shillings, Scots, and from the ground rent of the whole property of Donald Strathachin lying within the said burgh of Abirdene in the Upperkirkgate on the south side thereof, between the land of the late William Nory on the east, and the land of Andrew Michelsone on the west, the king's highway on the north, and the burn on the south, to be held . . . on condition of the said curate and chaplains, and their successors celebrating each year on the fourth day a Mass of the Wounds

[1] *Cf.* Scottish measure *perks*. In classical Latin the word means a portion of land measured out by a pole. It is often translated "perches," *e.g.*, in *Charters of Friars Preachers of Ayr*, p. 13.

of Our Lord Jesus Christ,[1] at the Altar of the blessed Mary situated within the same, and on the day of my decease, ten private masses for the health of my soul and of the souls aforesaid. And the collector general of the same (chaplains) shall place upon my tombstone a table, and cover it with a decent pall each year for ever; and shall give two pence to the town-crier of the said burgh for his trouble in going through the town. . . . Moreover know that I, for the increase of Divine worship, the honour of Almighty God, of the most blessed Virgin Mary, of S. Barbara the Virgin, and all the citizens of heaven above, and for the health of my own soul and of the souls aforesaid, and of all the faithful dead, have gifted . . . to the Altar of the S. Barbara, Virgin, founded within the Parish Church of the said burgh, and to the chaplain thereof for ever, all and entire that land of mine, upper and lower, with its pertinents, lying within the aforesaid burgh, on the north side of the Netherkirkgate between the land of the late David Gethane on the east, and the land of the late Walter Mernys on the west, with the king's highway to the south . . . on condition that the said chaplain and his successors, the chaplains of the same altar, celebrate on every seventh day of the week, to wit, the Sabbath, one mass of the most blessed Virgin Mary at the same altar each year henceforth for ever for the health of my own soul and the foresaid souls, and of all the faithful dead. . . . In witness whereof my seal and the seals of the honourable men, John Colisoun and Walter Cullane, two baillies of the same burgh, and one of them the giver of sasine of this annual rent of eleven shillings, and of the land above designed, are at the same burgh appended to this present charter of mine, 5th April, 1512, in presence of men of thrift and honesty: James Colisoun, Thomas Chamer, Sirs David Waus, Duncan Marscheall, chaplains; William Scrimgeour and Andrew Naughtie, witnesses in the giving of sasine of the foresaid annual rent of eleven shillings: Henry Reid, Alexander Horne, Dauid Criste, Dauid Couper, John Scrogis, Alexander Gray, junior, burgesses of the said burgh; William Scrimgeour, sergeant, being present at the giving of sasine of the land fore-mentioned; and Sir John Stirueling, notary-public.

Copy certified by John Stirueling.

[1] Mass of the Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ. See Appendix V.

LXXI.

Donation of Mr. Dauid Menzeis for the Chaplains' Clergy-house. 24th December, 1520. (*Translation.*)

Know all by these presents that we, the curate and chaplains of the college or choir of the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, have, by the tenor of these presents, obliged ourselves and our successors, for the laud of God Almighty, and the glory of the blessed Mary His Mother, and of the whole court of heaven, to celebrate every Friday one Mass of the Passion of the said glorious Virgin[1] in the Crypt, at the Altar of S. Mary of Piety,[2] with intention for the soul of our colleague and brother, Mr. Dauid Menzeis, and the souls of Gilbert Menzes, Marjorie Chamer, his wife, and their parents, kinsfolk, founders, and benefactors, whose debtor in any way he is, to the satisfaction thereof according to God's merciful acceptance, by (the ministry of) one of the resident brethren of the college or choir, the celebrant and no other to receive into his hand a fee to the extent of fourpence and the residue of twenty shillings annually to be reserved for the use of the community, in that and forasmuch as the same Mr. Dauid Menzeis hath given to us and in numbered money paid over in pure alms, for the maintenance of ourselves and our successors, the sum of twenty-one pounds for our use and that of our successors solely towards the constructing, repairing, and building of our common dwelling-place, And particularly that tene-

[1] Mass of the Passion of the Blessed Virgin. See Appendix V.

[2] There were, we may be sure, in the Crypt—which is three-aisled—other altars also, but this altar of S. Mary of Piety had the place of honour, and gave its name to the whole—S. Mary's Chapel. Its position is fixed for us by the boss bearing the monogram of the Blessed Virgin at the point where the vaulting ribs of the apse diverge. The Latin title was popularly rendered "Our Lady of Pity" (the French form is "Notre Dame de Pitie")—a rendering, perhaps, which was not far wrong, for Christianity "made beneficence a form of Divine service, and identified 'piety' with 'pity'" (Sidgwick's *Ethics*, p. 122); but the idea was no doubt that of the Italian *Pietà*, the Virgin Mother lamenting over the dead body of Our Lord. Michael Angelo's famous sculpture of this subject, now a chief artistic treasure of S. Peter's at Rome, had been executed between 1495 and 1501, and no doubt gave a great impulse to the taste for such representations; but the inherent pathos of the subject had already made it popular over the whole West, and it had a peculiar suitability for the decoration of altars which were mainly intended for the celebration of masses for the dead. Before the Crypt of S. Mary was built, S. Nicholas' Church possessed an altar with the same dedication, for on 25th July, 1445, Andrew of Culan grants certain annual rents "to the Kirk of Aberdeen for an alter to be made in the north yill of Our Ladye of Pitye". (*Council Records*, iv. 411. See Appendix II.)

ment of ours lying in the Shiprow, between the land of Thomas Chamer on the north and the land of the heirs of the late Thomas Prat on the south, the king's high-way on the east, and the Hill of S. Katharine the Virgin to the west. And the performance of the aforesaid to be inviolably observed by us and our successors, we unanimously decree and have decreed by these presents under our cheirographs and the signatures of our beloved notaries, under hypothec of all the common property, present and to come, belonging to us and our successors. All this was done in our common chapter-house[1] with the unanimous consent of the brethren assembled in the said chapter, and convened for the special purpose on Christmas Eve, the 24th day of December, 1520, the ninth indiction and eighth year of the most holy father and lord in Christ, our lord Pope Leo X.

Signed by Mr. Thomas Chawmer, curate of Aberdene ; Sir Andrew Culp, Sir John Waus, Sir Daud Waus, Sir John Fyf, Sir Dauid Leis, Sir John Murray, Mr. Robert Margy, Sir William Cowper, Sir Dauid Medyltoun, Sir Thomas Uxmintage, Sir John Reid, Mr. Dauid Menzeis, the poor founder. And in (memory of) all the faithful dead, etc.

Attested by Dauid Nicholsone[2] and by William Philipsoun, notaries-public.

LXXII.

Foundation of a Weekly Mass of the Five Wounds—Thomas Waus. 16th February, 152^{1}_{0}. *(Translation.)*

Know all by these presents that we, the curate and chaplains of the college or choir of the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, hereby oblige ourselves and our successors for ever to celebrate, for the laud, glory and honour of Almighty God, of His blessed Mother Mary, and all the celestial court, every fifth day of the week (Thursday), a Mass of

[1] The Chapter-house of the Collegiate Church was probably the room which after the Reformation became the Session-house. It formed a projecting wing on the north side of the choir.

[2] David Nicholson, clerk of the baillie court of Aberdeen, attests the " Notarial Copy of Precept by King David the Second for the observance of the Bull of Pope Clement the Fourth, affirming the privileges of the Friars Preachers ". (*Charters of the Friars Preachers of Ayr*, p. 10.)

the Five Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, at the Altar of S. Martin, Bishop and Confessor, with intention for the souls of an honourable man of good memory, Thomas Waus, formerly burgess of this town, Marjorie Gregori, his wife, their children, parents, brothers and sisters, and their kinsfolk, the founders and benefactors, and to the satisfaction, according to God's merciful acceptance, of all the faithful dead whose debtors in any way they are, to be celebrated by the hands of one of the chaplains of the said college weekly in alternate turns, according to the table drawn up by the said resident chaplains of the choir, for that and forasmuch as the said Thomas and Marjory have given us twenty pounds in numbered money —that is to say, in gold and silver—and one annual rent of four shillings and sixpence, (and) with the unanimous consent of their heirs, Elizabeth Waus and Margarete Waus, and their husbands, William Turing and Malcolm Crag, in pure and perpetual alms, for our support and that of our successors, have paid (the said money), namely, twenty pounds in gold and silver, by the hands of a venerable man, Sir Dauid Waus, brother-german of the foresaid Thomas, and one of his executors, within the chapter of the said church, all the chaplains of the choir being in chapter assembled; and the said annual rent of four shillings and sixpence, in full payment of twenty-four shillings and sixpence, to be drawn annually by the said chaplains, four shillings and sixpence from the house of William Blinschel in the Shiprow, on the north side thereof, as is more fully contained in a charter made thereanent for our use—yea, rather, for that of our successors—towards the constructing, repairing and building of our common dwellings, and particularly of that tenement of ours lying in the Shiprow, between the land of Thomas Chamer on the north, and the land of the heirs of the late Thomas Prat on the south, the king's highway on the east, and S. Katherine's Hill on the west; and from our said new house other twenty shillings yearly, on behalf of the foresaid Thomas Waus—amounting, in all, to twenty-four shillings and sixpence. And the performance of this, and in promise that (all) shall be inviolably observed by us and our successors, we unanimously decree and have decreed, under our cheirograph and the signatures of our beloved notaries, under hypothec of all the common good present or to come of ourselves or successors. These things were done in our chapter-house with the unanimous consent of the brethren

present, and specially convoked in chapter for the said purpose, 16th February, 1520, in the ninth indiction, and the eighteenth year of our most holy father in Christ and lord, our lord Leo X., by Divine providence, Pope.

Signed by Mr. Thomas Chawmer, . . . ; Mr. Dauid Menzeis, notary-public ; Sir Andrew Culp, Sir John Waus, Sir Dauid Waus, it is so Dauid Nichylsone, Sir John Fyfe, Sir William Couper, Mr. Robert Masoun, Sir John Murray, Mr. William Philipsoun, Sir Dauid Medyltoune, Sir Dauid Baxter.[1]

LXXIII.

Charter by Walter Blair founding an Anniversary. 5th May, 1522. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir William Blair, chaplain of the Altar of the Holy Cross, situated in the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Whereas . . . therefore know that I, for the increase of Divine worship, in honour of Almighty God, of the most blessed Virgin Mary His Mother, and of all saints, both men and women,[2] have given . . . to Almighty God, to the most glorious Virgin Mary, and to all saints, and to the perpetual chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, for one anniversary to be celebrated annually after my decease, and on the day of my decease, with masses to be celebrated by the chaplains themselves, or one of them, through the whole octave, as the custom of the said church is, with the ringing of the bell through the town on the night preceding and in the church on the morrow, at the mass at the

[1] The substance seems to be as follows: The chaplains of S. Nicholas are to celebrate every Thursday a Mass of the Five Wounds, in consideration of £24 and an annual rent of 4*s*. 6*d*. given them in lieu of two annual rents of 20*s*. and 4*s*. 6*d*. (the latter from a house in the Shiprow, the other from their own property). The clergy guard themselves from the charge of benefiting themselves at the expense of their successors by pointing out that the repair of their clergy-house, on which they are to spend the money, is for their successors' benefit rather than their own.

[2] *Sanctorum et Sanctarum*. I am indebted for this translation to "The Dream of Gerontius":—

"All Saints of God
Both men and women . . . ".

Altar of the Holy Cross, in behalf of my soul, and the souls of Alexander Blair, my father, and Elizabeth Barcula, my mother, of Mariorie Blinschel, my stepmother, and those for whom I am held bound to pray, and all the faithful dead, one annual rent of ten shillings Scots to be raised annually from all and whole that land, as well outer as inner, of William Blinscheill,[1] lying within the said burgh on the north side of the Shiprow, between the land of Simon Gardin on the east and the land of the Lord of Forbes on the west, and the king's highway on the south, To be held by the said chaplains . . . with reservation to myself of the said annual rent during the whole time of my life . . . in testimony whereof my seal is appended to this present charter at Abirdene the 5th day of May, 1522, in presence of honourable men.

Signed by Thomas Chawmer, curate of Aberdene; Sir Andrew Culp, Sir William Cowper, Sir William, the son of Philip; William Philipsoun, presbyter.

LXXIV.

Charter by John Wauss endowing Curate and Chaplains of Choir. 2nd August, 1522.[2] (*Large Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir John Wauss, presbyter and perpetual chaplain of the Altars of SS. James, Martin and Katherine, situated within the Parish Church[3] of S. Nicholas of the burgh of Abirdene, (wisheth) everlasting health in the Lord. Whereas according to the apostle "we have here no abiding city," and elsewhere "he that soweth in blessings shall reap in blessings," know that I, for the increase of Divine worship, in honour of God Almighty, of the most glorious Mother of God, the ever-blessed S. Martin, and all the court of heaven,

[1] 15th April, 1603. Produced before the baillies by Andrew Kyng, collector, against Walter Collisoun, in form of proof. Mollisoun, clerk. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

[2] Produced in mode of instruction, 3rd May, 1603. Mollesoun, Clerk. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

[3] *In templo parochiali divi Nicholaij.* The use of the words *templum* for *ecclesia*, and *divus* for *sanctus*, show the influence of the Classical Revival. An instance, at once curious and instructive, of the competing styles—the old Ecclesiastical and the new Classical—occurs in the two accounts of Alexander Galloway, in the Obituary of the Grey Friars Convent of Aberdeen. (*Miscellany of the Spalding Club*, i.)

have gifted . . . to the vicar curate[1] and the brethren chaplains of the choir or college of S. Nicholas of the foresaid burgh, and their successors being in residence and celebrating Divine service, one annual rent of twenty shillings, Scots, to be raised yearly and for ever in equal portions at the two usual terms . . . in pure and perpetual alms from all and whole that land of mine with its pertinents lying within the said burgh, on the north side of the Green[2] between the land of the late Henry Bawn on the west, two of the king's highways on south and east, and the land of Alexander Goithra to the north. For which yearly rent the said vicar curate and brethren of the choir, and their successors, shall be bound to render special return, namely, on each and every Sabbath-day (Saturday) for behoof of my soul and the souls of my parents, benefactors, and those whose debtor I am, to celebrate one Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary without note at the Altar of S. Martin, to the celebrant whereof the collector shall of his salary forthwith make good the sum of fourpence. Moreover, know that to these same persons I have bequeathed, and by the same deed irrevocably confirmed, the foundation of another annual rent to the amount of twenty-three shillings and fourpence drawn from lands as follows: Firstly, from all and whole the land of the chaplains of the same choir, lying on the west side of the Gallowgate of the foresaid burgh, between the land of the late Walter Quhit on the north, and the land of the late Andrew Baxster on the south, and the king's highways to east and west, five shillings and fourpence. Likewise from the acres, farm-lands, crofts or fields of Inuerrowry, firstly, from the land of Henry Johnsoun within said burgh on the west thereof between the lands of the laird of Warderis on north and south, the king's highway to the east, and the lands of our lord the King to the west, ten shillings. From two acres called "The Rudis" of the late Thomas Zong, burgess, lying on the west of the same burgh, between the lands of our lord the King on the south, and the lands of William Henrisoun on the north, four shillings. From the lands of Thomas Rathe

[1] *Vicar-curate*—the same person. He was vicar as substitute for the bishop, who was rector; he was curate as incumbent of the parish. It was in this sense that the Scottish parish ministers of "The Second Episcopacy" (1661-1690) were "the curates". *Cf.* the French *curé*.

[2] Andrew Dargis land, and his sons. Ye land in ye Greyn as appears stand was Kaye's land and Sibbault's land nixt ye Den burn. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

lying between the land of John Brankaucht on the south, and the land of John Huchosoun on the north, the king's highway to the east, and the land of our lord the King to the west, two shillings. From the lands of Hugh Zong lying within said burgh, on the east thereof, between the glebe of the parish church of the same on the north, and the land of the said Hugh Zong on the south, two shillings. Further, Walter Banzenacht infeft Sir Dauid Wauss, in name of the procurator of the brethren of the said college of S. Nicholas, in five roods, acres or perks of lands, in return for a clause of relief, warrandice, or indemnity of the foresaid eighteen shillings, called the Donald's Croft (dues), as is contained more fully in the evidents made thereanent; which rents I will to be applied for an anniversary in behoof of my soul and the soul of my brother-german, Dauid Waus, and the souls of all the faithful dead, by the foresaid vicar, otherwise the curate, and the chaplains for the time being present and in residence, to be celebrated annually on Quinquagesima Sunday, namely: the solemn obsequies or vigils on the night preceding, with the Sunday sung mass, as has been said, with the trenthal throughout the following week, as the manner is; and let distribution of the fees be made into the hands of those only who are present and celebrating. *Item*, that the collector shall decently adorn my monument with a carpet and lights, as the manner is; and to the sacrist, for ringing (the bell) thrice at the vigils and as often at the mass, shall be given fourteen pence; to the town-crier, two pence;[1] and shall give, as aforesaid, to the chaplains and licensed (clerks)[2] in residence whatever is over from the foundations for these souls. . . . In testimony whereof are appended my own seal and the seal of an honourable man, Patrick Leslie, one of the baillies of Abirden and giver of sasine. At Abirden, 2nd August, 1522.

Signed by Mr. Thomas Chawmer, curate of Abirdene; Mr. Dauid Menzes, Sir Andrew Culp, Sir Dauid Wauss, Mr. William Philipsoun, Mr. Robert Masoun, Sir William Couper, Sir Gylbert Nycholsone, Sir John Goldsmytht, Sir John Cumyng, Sir Brien Dyce, Sir Dauid Leis, Sir

[1] In Ayrshire also the town-crier's fee was the same: "He shall ger the belman gar throu the towne and pray for the said Alane, and Jonet Hill, his spous, for the whilk he sall gyf the belman twa d.". (*Charters of the Friars Preachers of Ayr*, p. 51; *anno* 1469.)

[2] *Facultatibus.*

Alexander Robsoun, Sir Thomas Rynie, Sir John Waus, the founder hereof.

Copy certified by Mr. Dauid Nicholsone, notary-public and clerk of court of the diocese of Abirdene.

LXXV.

Feu Charter by Curate and Chaplains of Choir to John Neilsoun. 30th July, 1520. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene wish eternal health in the Lord. Know that we, with the counsel, advice, and consent of an honourable man, John Mar, formerly Provost of Abirdene, our profit herein having been on all sides foreseen and diligently considered, have given . . . in feu . . . to an honest man, John Neilsoun, indweller in the said burgh, all and whole these four perks of our lands given us in pure and perpetual alms by the said John Mar, lying in the croftlands of Futtey, namely—One between the land of the chaplaincy of S. Andrew founded in the said church on the south, the land of John Arthour on the north, the land of Andrew Cullan on the east, and the tide-mark on the west; those two perks of our lands lying between the land of the said John Arthour on the south, the land of Gilbert Menzeis on the north, the land of Walter Hovesoun on the east, and the tide-mark on the west; and likewise that fourth perk of the said lands lying between the land of Richard Cryn on the south, the land of the Altar of the Holy Cross within the said church on the north, a certain old water-lade (aqueductum) on the east, and the tide-mark on the west . . . to be held of us by him and his heirs in perpetual feu and heirship . . . the said John, his heirs and assignees, paying to us and our successors one annual rent of sixteen shillings, Scots. . . . In testimony whereof our common seal, along with our signs-manual, and the seal of the said John Mar, our founder, as giving his consent, and of Baillie Patrick Leslye, the giver of sasine hereof, are appended 30th July, 1520, before these witnesses, men of thrift and honesty—John Craik, William Wattsone, Alexander Wentoune, burgesses of Abirdene; Walter Saffray, sergeant; and Mr. Dauid Nicholsone, notary-public and clerk of court, witnesses, etc.

LXXVI.

Charter by William Philipsone endowing the Vicar and Chaplains of the Choir. 5th March, $152\frac{3}{4}$. *(Abstract.)*

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir William Philpsone, chaplain and stipendiary of the Altars of S. John Baptist and the Three Kings,[1] situated and founded within the parish church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, for the increase of the worship of God, and in honour of Mary the undefiled Mother of God, of S. Ann, Matron, the Mother of the same glorious Virgin, and of all the celestial citizens, and for the health of my soul, and the souls of my parents, friends, founders, and benefactors, and of all those from whom I have received any benefits with too little justice, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to the vicar and chaplains of the choir of the said Parish Church, and to their successors being in residence and celebrating Divine offices for the time being, All and whole that land of mine, inner and outer, with the garden thereof, lying within the said burgh in the Green, on the east side thereof, between the land of the late Alexander Roucht on the north, the land of William Vobster on the south, the king's high way on the west, and the mill-lade of the said burgh on the east, to be held . . . by the said vicar and chaplains, and their successors . . . with reservation to myself of free holding and use of the same all the days of my life, one annual rent of ten shilling being nevertheless to be drawn by the said vicar and chaplains in name of owner's loss[2] . . . the vicar and chaplains . . . celebrating annually all the days of my life an anniversary mass at the said Altar of the Three Kings, namely, one sung (mass), with a trenthal throughout the week following, in the Second Sunday of Lent, for my soul and intention,[3] and the souls

[1] The Wise Men of the East (S. Matt. ii. 1-12) were taken to be Kings on account of the prophecies (Ps. lxxii. 10 ; Isa. lx. 3), and to be three in number from their three gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They were also regarded as representing respectively the Gentiles of Europe, Asia, and Africa.

[2] In nomine domini dempto et obtento. Perhaps for *dampnitate*, in name of owner's loss, *i.e.*, the loss incurred on a property which loses part of its value by the mere decay of time.

[3] The mass being regarded as, in effect, a prayer—the presentation to God of Our Lord's Sacrifice for the obtaining of a special object—the founder here desires it to be said on his

aforesaid, and the collector for the time being shall pay into hands of the chaplains who are present only out of the income, and shall straightway satisfy my claims before I depart and go the way of all flesh ; the said chaplains and their successors shall be bound to celebrate every Tuesday at the said Altar of the Three Kings, or else at the High Altar of the said church, one Mass of the glorious S. Ann,[1] Matron, in behalf of the foresaid intentions. . . . And we, the foresaid chaplains, bind ourselves and our successors in ampler form to maintain and fulfil all the foresaid Divine offices. In testimony whereof I have signed this, my charter, with my own hand, and we, the chaplains in chapter assembled, for this my purpose, and representing the whole body of our chapter, with their consent and assent have ratified and approved these presents by our chirographs. At Abirdene, 5th March, 1523, before witnesses—Mr. John Marschell, Andrew Cullan, Adrian Marschell, Sirs Thomas Lamyntoun, Walter Blair, Patrick Stevinsone, and Hugh Valcar, with divers others.

Signed by Thomas Chawmer, Curate of Abirdene ; Sir Andrew Culp ; William Philipsoun, presbyter and notary-public ; Sir William Couper, Sir Dauid Wauss, Mr. Dauid Menzeis, Sir John Waus ; so it is, Dauid Nicholsone, Sir John Comyng, Sir Thomas Bynie, Sir Dauid Leis, Sir Dauid Lerimar, Sir Alexander Robertsoun, Sir Gilbert Nicholsone, Sir John Goldsmytht.

And I, Sir William, (son) of Philip, chaplain, founder of this foundation, ratify, approve, and confirm it, and I renounce the free tenement, service being rendered (to the King, as in the deed) all the days of my life. And let those infringing my foundation be cursed with the curse of God Almighty, and of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and let them be confounded for ever.

William, (son) of Philip, hereto with my own hand.

behalf with the object of obtaining his intention, *i.e.*, his wish, as declared aforesaid, or whatever his pious desire might be, his desire, of course, being known to Almighty God. Our Lord Himself directs us to consider beforehand what benefits we shall ask of Him. "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee ?" (S. Mark, x. 51.)

[1] Mass of S. Ann. See Appendix V.

LXXVII.

Instrument of Possession to Annual Rent given by the late William Blinsele. 28th May, 1524.[1] (*Translation.*)

In the name of God, Amen. Be it plain to all by these presents that in the year of our Lord's Incarnation, 1524, the 28th day of May, in the twelfth indiction, the second year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ and lord, our lord Clement X.,[2] there appeared personally in the presence of me, notary-public, and of the witnesses under-written, an honourable man, William Rolland, one of the baillies of the burgh of Abirdene, and, in virtue of a certain deed of resignation made with his own hands by the late William Blinsell, burgess of Abirden, gave and delivered to a discreet man, Sir William Cupar, chaplain of the Altar of S. Thomas the Martyr, situated within the Parish Church of Abirdene, the procurator of the chaplains of the choir, and acting in their name, possession and sasine to them and their successors of one annual rent of twenty-four shillings yearly from all and whole those two contiguous lands lying within the said burgh, in the Upperkirkgate on the south side thereof between the land of the late Robert Club on the east, the land of the late Alexander Howesone on the west, the king's highway on the north, and the land of Alexander Ruyerford on the south, hitherto due to the said William (handing them over) by gift of earth and stone, also by (gift of) a penny of intoll, according to the laudable custom of burghs (with reservation of everyone's rights) in regard to gifts and concessions, laying upon and corporally investing the said chaplains and their successors, or their procurators, with the free power and faculty of taking and distraining the said lands in payment of the said annual rent without the intervention of any minister of the law, but at their own hands, as the custom is, as often as need requires. Concerning all which, the said Sir William, in his procuratorial capacity, craved that this present public instrument[3] might be drawn up

[1] 23rd March, 1606. Produced in mode of instruction. Mollesoun, Clerk. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

[2] This is a curious mistake. The Pope was Clement VII.; Clement X. lived a century and a half later: he was elected Pope in 1670.

[3] This may illustrate the phrase still in use in the Church Courts of Scotland: "Took instruments in the clerk's hands and craved extracts".

by me as notary-public. All this was done on the ground of the said lands about nine o'clock a.m., the year, day, month, indiction, and pontificate aforesaid, in the presence of honourable and prudent men: Walter Cullan, Mr. Andrew Tulidef, William Rolland, junior, Duncan Tulidef, Michael Tulidef and Dauid Heroun, sergeant, along with divers other witnesses called and invited to be present.

Attested by Dauid Nicholsone, professor of Arts, and clerk of the Baillies' Court of Aberdene, and of the diocese thereof, and notary-public.

LXXVIII.

Charter by John Arthur, endowing Altar of the Name of Jesus. 14th August, 1520.[1] (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter John Artour, burgess of Aberdene, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Whereas . . . Know ye, therefore, that I, for the increase of Divine worship, and at the bidding of charity, for the health of my soul and the souls of my parents, brothers, sisters, wives, and of all those from whom with scant justice I received any good things, and of the souls of the faithful departed existing in the pains of purgatory, in honour and veneration of Almighty God, of His undefiled Mother Mary, and of the most loving and beloved Name of Jesus, our Saviour, to whom every knee shall bow, and of all the celestial citizens, have given . . . to a discreet man, John Vaus, chaplain, and to his successors, perpetually to celebrate at the altar within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdene, by me newly erected and constructed in veneration and honour of the said most reverend Name of Jesus, all and whole that outer land of mine, recovered out of my own substance, lying within the said burgh, in the Upperkirkgate, on the south side thereof, between the inner land of Sir John Ruthirfurd, knight, on the south, and the land of the late Robert Club on the west, and the king's highways on the north and east, to be held . . . with the edifices built or to be built thereon with stones

[1] See *infra*, Appendix I., No. 19.

and lime . . . by the said Sir John and his successors making personal residence within the said burgh, and daily when they are disposed celebrating at the said Altar for my (soul's) health, and all my intentions as aforesaid ; also gracing (by their presence) the choir of the said church on Sundays and other festivals. And if it happens that the said John and his successors fail in the aforesaid, or in any part of it, unless on account of sickness or special leave of the patron for the time being, or if it happens that the buildings on this land decay through fault of the chaplain, then it shall be lawful for the patron to intromit with the said chaplaincy, and to apply all its fruits to the repair of the said buildings, and to confer the same on another fit chaplain. Therefore, let those infringing, or causing to be infringed, this my donation . . . know that they incur the indignation of Almighty God, of His undefiled Mother, and of all the citizens of heaven. In testimony whereof my seal, along with that of an honourable man, John Collisone, one of the baillies of Aberdene and giver of sasine, are affixed. But the right of patronage of the said chaplaincy is reserved to me and my heirs, whom failing, to the Provost and Council of Aberdene for ever ; and for greater evidence my sign-manual is affixed to the present charter of foundation at the same place, 14th August, 1520. Witnesses, men of thrift and honesty: Sir John Ruthirfurd, knight, Arthur Wrquhard, Gavin Murray, burgesses of Abirdene ; Walter Sandry, sergeant ; and Mr. Dauid Nicholsone, notary-public and clerk of court for the time being.

Copy certified by Mr. Thomas Zoung, notary-public.

LXXIX.

Instrument of Possession to Annual Rent, given by John Blak, burgess of Abirdene. 11th Dec., 1524.[1] (*Abstract.*)

In the Name of God, Amen. By this public instrument, let it be evident to all that in the year of our Lord, 1524, on the 11th of

[1] This annuell on yis Life in use of payments, hospitall and all. (*Note in Chartulary.*)

December, the second year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ and lord, our lord Pope Clement VII., there compeared personally before me, notary-public, and other witnesses, a prudent man, John Blak, burgess of Abirdene, not induced by any violence or fear, nor having fallen into any mistake, nor being circumvented by any wile, but of his mere good pleasure, and immutable resolve, as appeared, and freely gave, by the giving of one penny of outtoll, into the hands of an honourable man, Patrick Leslie, one of the baillies of this burgh, all and whole that annual rent of his of eighteen shillings, . . . due from the land of the late Alexander Tulidef, baker, lying within the said burgh, in the head of the Netherkirkgate, between the land of the said John Blak on the east, and the king's highway on the west, the land of the late Dauid Andersone on the south, and the king's highway toward the north; and resigned *simpliciter* all right in the same . . . and asked that sasine and hereditary possession of the same should be given to the chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, of Abirdene, aye and until the said chaplains or their successors are infeft by the said John or his heirs, and shall have possession and sasine of an annual rent of six shillings and eight-pence in another place, sufficient and convenient for the said chaplains. Whereupon the said baillie, on the special mandate of the said sir, resigned hereditary holding possession and sasine of all and whole the annual rent of eighteen shillings aforesaid, and by giving of a penny of intoll, gave it over to a discreet man, Sir Dauid Waus, collector and procurator of the said chaplains, and in their name, and invested him therewith, aye and until he be provided with the above-mentioned annual rent by the said John or his heirs. Concerning all which the said Sir Collector demanded from me, as a notary-public, the said public instrument. Done on the ground of the foresaid land, about 10 a.m., in the year, day, month, indiction and pontificate aforesaid, these honourable men being witnesses, specially called and asked to be present—John Rutherfurd, Robert Blak, Dauid Baune, burgesses of Abirdene; Sir John Waus, chaplain; and Thomas Blair, sergeant, with divers others.

Attested by Dauid Nicholsone, Professor of Arts, and Clerk of the Baillies' Court of Abirdene, and of the Diocese of the same, a notary-public.

LXXX.

Confirmation of the Charter of Alexander Petkarine of Mondinis. 22nd March, 148½. (Abstract.)

In the Name of God, Amen. By this public instrument, be it evident to all, that in the year of our Lord 1481, 22nd March, the last indiction, the eleventh year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ and lord, our lord Sixtus IV., by Divine providence Pope, there compeared in the presence of a venerable man, Mr. Robert Halkerstoun, commissary of the reverend father William (Bishop) elect and confirmed of Ross,[1] and official within the parts of Lothian of the most reverend father in Christ and lord, the lord William, by the mercy of God Archbishop of S. Andrews,[2] and in the presence of me notary-public, and the witnesses underwritten, Mr. John Chalmer, Succentor[3] of Moray and Master of the Hospital of S. Thomas of Abirdene, and handed for perusal to me the notary underwritten and clerk of the court of said reverend father official, a certain charter sealed with the seal of the late Alexander Petcarine, laird of Mondinis the tenor whereof follows: To all who shall see or hear this charter Alexander Petkarine of Mondinis wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, having carefully considered my advantage in the matter, for the purpose of paying my debts in which, at the term of the making

[1] Bishop William, elect of Ross in 1481, was no other than William Elphinstone, the founder of the University of Aberdeen. He was translated to Aberdeen in 1483. Dr. Grub thinks he was not consecrated till after his translation. (*Eccl. Hist. of Scotland*, i. 405.)

[2] William, Archbishop of S. Andrews (*Archiepiscopus Sanctiandree*) was William Sheves, coadjutor bishop of S. Andrews in the lifetime of Patrick Graham, the first *Archbishop* of S. Andrews. Notwithstanding the persecutions to which, partly through Sheves himself, his predecessor was subjected for assuming the title and functions of metropolitan, Sheves appears on his promotion (1478) to have at once assumed the style of Archbishop, a style accorded him in this charter of the date 1481. It was not till 1487 that he obtained letters from Pope Innocent VIII. expressly recognising and confirming his rights, and conferring on him the pall and the dignity of primate. (Grub, *Eccles. Hist. of Scotland*, i. 386.)

[3] *Succentor.* "There are two classes of singers in the musical art, the *Precentor*, namely, and the *Succentor*. The precentor leads in the chant, the succentor reponds.' *Durandus*, quoted in Migne's *Lexicon*. The precentor, or chantor, of Moray was the parson of Alves.

of these presents, I stood bound towards my father's creditors, have given, granted, sold, and by a pure deed of sale have alienated, and by these presents have confirmed, to a venerable and circumspect man, Mr John Clat and his assigns, one annual rent of six merks, Scots, to be lifted by the hands of the said Mr. John and his assignees from my lands of Mondinis, and specially from the Estirtoun and Westirtoun, and failing them from my whole lands of Mondinis lying in the barony of Mondinis, within the shire of Kincardin, in consideration of a certain sum of money which in my great and urgent necessity the said Mr. John faithfully paid to me in numbered money, to be held . . . by the said Mr. John and his assigns from me, my heirs and assignees in feu and heirship for ever . . . the said Mr. John and his assigns paying to me, my heirs and assigns, one silver penny on the ground of the said lands of Mondinis at Whitsunday yearly in the name of blench farm, if it is demanded. . . . And if it happens that I, my heirs or assigns, should hinder . . . the said Mr. John . . . in the peaceful lifting of the said annual rent, I oblige myself, my heirs and assigns, to make good to the said Mr. John whatever loss, expense, or interest of the said principal sum the said Mr. John or his assigns may have sustained by the fraud or fault of me or of my heirs, without any exception adduced to the contrary in or out of court by me, my heirs or assigns; and if it happen that I, my heirs or assigns, should turn against the bargain aforesaid, or under any colour or ingenuity infringe or annul this charter, I oblige myself and heirs . . . to pay to the said John or his assigns two hundred pounds, Scots, for the purpose of satisfying him, and that before we have been heard by any judge, ecclesiastical or secular, alleging no remedy at law to the contrary. Moreover, I, the foresaid Alexander, consent, on behalf of myself, my heirs and assigns, that the foresaid annual rent be assigned to the Church for ever, in honour of Almighty God, so that Divine worship may be increased. . . . In testimony whereof mine own seal is appended to these presents at Mondinis, 22nd March, 1458, in the presence of these witnesses, Sir Cristofer Holland, chaplain of Drumlethy, and John Petkarine, my dearest brother. Which having been read, the same Mr. John asked of Alexander Petkarine, laird of Mondinis, grandson of the said Alexander, cited at the instance of the said Mr. John, if he wished to add anything to, or say anything against

the said charter; who replied, No, because he well recognised the said charter as bearing the seal of Alexander Petkarine his grandfather; and in every point he ratified and approved it, and for the rest promised to pay the said annual rent as contained in the same charter to the foresaid Mr. John and his successors, masters, and chaplains of the said hospital, according to the meaning, form, and tenor of the deed of mortification of our Sovereign Lord the King about and anent the said annual rent of six merks belonging to the rent of the said hospital then produced in court by the said Mr. John under the great seal of the said our Sovereign Lord the King. Moreover, the said Alexander admitted in presence of the judge that he was due the foresaid Mr. John, from certain terms past, fifty-two shillings, Scots, of the said annual rent: which sum the said Sir judge warned and ordered the said Alexander to pay to the said Mr. John, and in future to obey him by payment of the said annual rent at the times stated in the charter, under pain of excommunication. Concerning all which the said Mr. John took instruments of me notary-public. These things were done in the chamber of the said Sir judge within the burgh of Edinburgh in the year, day, month, indiction, and pontificate aforesaid, in the presence of venerable men—James Rynde of Broxmouth, Archibald Rate, Sir Thomas Mody, chaplain and notary-public, summoned as witnesses.

Attested by George Cotis, presbyter of the Diocese of S. Andrews, notary-public . . .

Copy certified by me, William Philipsoun, notary-public . . . 13th June, 1526.

LXXXI.

Foundation of Janet Craufurd. 13th Dec., 1526. (*Translation.*)

In the name of God, Amen. Let it be evident to all by this public instrument that in the year of our Lord 1526, the 13th of December, in the fifteenth indiction the fourth year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ and Lord, our lord Clement VII., by Divine providence Pope, in the presence of me, notary-public, and the witnesses underwritten there appeared in person a good and honourable woman, Janet Craufurd, the relict of the late Gavin Murray, burgess of Abirdene, and for certain reasonable causes inclining her mind thereto, gave and

freely gifted to a prudent man, Thomas Craufurd, burgess of the said burgh, the sum of twenty pounds, Scots, in numbered money, in lieu of one annual rent of twenty shillings of the said money due annually from all and whole that front and back land of hers lying within the said burgh, on the north side of the Upperkirkgate, between the land of the heirs of the late Robert Crag on the east and the land of John Murray on the west, to be paid by the same Thomas to the vicar and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, as is more fully contained in the charter executed thereanent in favour of the same chaplains by the same Thomas. In return for which annual rent the said chaplains bound themselves and their successors to celebrate one anniversary, namely, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the first Saturday of October, with a sung mass on the Lord's Day following, and a trenthal throughout the week, yearly, for the soul of the said deceased Gavin, her husband, and for the souls of her parents, kinsfolk, and benefactors of the same, and for the souls of all the faithful dead, and this throughout the remaining days of the life of the said Jonete; but after her death the said chaplains shall celebrate yearly one sung mass on the day of her decease, with a trenthal throughout the week; also yearly, on the foresaid first Lord's Day of October, for the soul of the foresaid deceased Gavin, one sung mass, with its trenthal throughout the week, without *Placebo* and *Dirige*. Moreover, the collector of the said chaplains shall, on the said anniversaries, place decent tables decently covered above the monuments of the said Gavin and Jonet; shall find wax lights, and cause the bells of the church to be knolled twice; also on the eves of the said anniversaries he shall cause the town-crier to go through the city (urbem) that the faithful people may be incited to pray for the souls of the said deceased Gavin and Jonet, and shall do and fulfil all things customary at such anniversaries. To the doing of which the foresaid chaplains bound themselves and their successors for ever in fuller form. Concerning all which the said Jonet took instruments of me, notary-public. Done in the chapter(-house) of the said church, about 8 o'clock a.m., on the day, month, indiction, and pontificate above-mentioned, in the presence of venerable and discreet men—Mr. Dauid Menzeis, Bachelor of Sacred Letters:[1] Mr. William

[1] Note the Degree B.SS.LL.

Philpson and Mr. John Nicholsoun, notaries-public; with the other brethren of the chapter, etc., etc.

And I, Dauid Nicholsoune, Professor of Arts—(*part is wanting here*)—of the baillies of Abirden . . . also notary-public, with apostolic authority . . . (*The rest is illegible.*)

LXXXII.

Foundation of Alexander and Gilbert Malysone. 8th September, 1519. (*Translation.*)

Know all by these presents that we, the curate and chaplains for the time being of the college or choir of S. Nicholas of Aberdeen, have obliged ourselves, according to the tenor hereof, and do oblige ourselves and our successors for ever, to celebrate, to the laud and glory of Almighty God, of His blessed Mother Mary, and of the whole court of heaven, every Friday one Mass of the Five Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ [1] at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist, with intention for, and in behalf of, the soul of a late prudent burgess, Alexander Malysone, and the soul of Margaret Kintor, his wife, and the souls of their parents, children and kinsfolk, in consideration that the same Alexander Malyson gave to us, and Gilbert Malysone, his son and heir, paid to us in pure alms, for the support of us and our successors, the sum of twenty-four pounds, wholly for our use and the support of our successors, and for constructing, repairing and building our common dwellings, and particularly that tenement of ours lying in the Shiprow, between the land of Thomas Chawmer on the north, and the land of the heirs of the late Thomas Prat on the south, the king's highway on the east, and the Hill of S. Katherine the Virgin on the west. And, for the performance and inviolable observance hereof by us and our successors, we unanimously decern and have decreed this writ, confirmed by our signs-manual, and under hypothec of all the common goods of ourselves and our successors both present and future. Done in our chapter-house, with the unanimous consent of the brethren in chapter assembled, and called together for this end, on (the Feast of) the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8th September, 1519.

Signed by Mr. Thomas Chawmer, curate of Aberdeen; Mr. John

[1] See Appendix V.

Byssat, rector of the Grammar School;[1] Sir John Wauss, Sir John Fyff, Sir David Wauss, Sir William Philipp, Sir John Cumming, Sir Richard (son of Andrew), Sir Robert Park, Sir Alexander Anderson, Sir William Couper, Sir Dauid Lorimer.

LXXXIII.

Foundation of John Murray. 7th March, $152\frac{6}{7}$.

[This deed is in English, and is a very interesting example of the language as then (1526) spoken in Aberdeen. The curate and chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas, in consideration of the gift to them by John Murray of a tenement in Castle Street, bind themselves to "say and do daily henceforward Mass at S. Salvator's Altar within the said church at 7 a.m., which shall be called the Second Mass, and shall be in behoof the souls of the said John, etc.; also to sing an annual *obit* for him on the day of his decease, etc.".]

LXXXIV.

Deed of gift by Mr. John Clat, founding the Hospital of S. Thomas the Martyr.[2] *28th May,* 1459. (*Translation.*)

In the Name of God, Amen. Be it known to all by this present public instrument that in the year of our Lord 1459, the 28th of May, the seventh indiction, the first year of the pontificate of the most holy

[1] A chaplaincy in the Church of S. Nicholas was the readiest method of providing a salary to the Rector of the Grammar School. Thus, "in 1479, Thomas Strachan was presented to the mastership with a salary of only £5, Scots, until he should be provided with a chaplaincy in S. Nicholas Church". (Kennedy, *Annals*, ii. p. 122.) In the smaller Collegiate Church of Cullen, the Fifth Prebendary "was required to teach a grammar school all the year round in the burgh of Cullen, and to pray daily at the Altar of S. Andrew, in S. Ann's Aisle (of the Collegiate Church), for the soul of the founder and others". (Cramond, *Church and Churchyard of Cullen*, p. 26.)

In regard to Mr. John Byssat, Kennedy seems to be wrong in the date of his appointment as Rector of the Grammar School—he gives 1529: this charter shows him in office ten years earlier. He had a notable history afterwards at King's College.

[2] *i.e.*, S. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury; to whose honour the great Abbey of Arbroath was dedicated.

father in Christ and lord, our lord Pope Pius II.[1]: whereas we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive whether good or evil according as we have done in our body, therefore a venerable and circumspect man, Mr. John Clat, canon of the Churches of Abirdeen and Brechin, willing by God's gift to amplify and augment the worship of Holy Mother Church, did in the presence of me a notary-public and of the other witnesses under-written, give, concede, and assign all and each his lands and tenements of lands lying within the burgh of Abirdene, on the south side of the Netherkirkgate thereof, between the burn or aqueduct which flows from the upper mills of the said burgh, on the east side thereof, and the public vennel[2] which is on the east side of the cemetery of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the said burgh on the one hand, and extend themselves on the other from the said Netherkirkgate on the north, to the land of John Howysoun, burgess of the said burgh, on the south, for the purpose of constructing a Hospital in honour of Almighty God, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His most glorious Mother, and of all saints, and especially in honour of S. Thomas the Martyr, for the reception of the poor and infirm who shall come into the said hospital. Of which hospital, and the lands and possessions assigned, or to be assigned thereto, and also of the poor and infirm persons dwelling in it after its construction, he created and ordained Sir John Chawmer to be Master and Rector, and gave to him the chaplaincy of the same; and he assigned the patronage of the chaplaincy of the said hospital, after his own decease and that of the said Sir John, to the Provost and community of the said burgh for ever. Moreover, to the said Sir John he gave and assigned all and each the lands and tenements aforesaid along with an annual rent of eighteen silver shillings from the land of John Barlotsone lying in the angle of Castle Street, between the land of Gilbert Wawce on the south, and the land of John, the son of Andrew, on north; also therewith a rent of six shillings and eightpence payable yearly from the land of Henry

[1] The travelled Pope, Eneas Sylvius (Pope 1458-1464).

[2] The vennel is no doubt Correction Wynd. It must be remembered that before the opening of S. Nicholas Street, the Netherkirkgate extended to the west gate of the Church-yard. The site of S. Thomas' Hospital is that now occupied by the Melville Free Church (formerly the Chapel of the Associated Burgher Congregation) and the houses adjacent. (See Kennedy, *Annals of Aberdeen*, ii. 78-82.)

Walcar lying on the north side of the oft-mentioned Netherkirkgate between the land of John Crukschank on the east, and the land of Findlai Fleschar on the west, which he had of his own by the alienation and selling of it to him by Andrew Gray; also that annual rent of six merks, Scots, from the lands of Mondinis, in the shire of Kyncardin, which he had of his own by the alienation and selling of it to him by Alexander de Petkarine of Mondinis, for the celebration in the said Hospital according to the disposition of his body and mind (secundum dispositionem corporis et animi sui) of (offices) for the souls of our Lord King James that now is,[1] Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mar, his own father and mother, and all the faithful departed from whom directly or indirectly he had any benefit. And this same whoever is chaplain ruling the said Hospital after the death of the said Sir John. Whereupon the said Mr. John, with John Kyntor, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and certain witnesses underwritten, approached my lord deputed for the purpose (dominum deputatum) for the chapel and beds to be therein constructed. Wherefore the baillie, at the express desire of the said Mr. John, gave sasine and possession to the said Sir John by handing to him earth and stone as the custom is. Thereafter the said baillie went in person to the foresaid tenements of Henry Valcar and John Barklitsoun and gave and assigned to him possession of the foresaid annual rents by handing to him earth and stone with a penny. Concerning all which the said Sir John craved of me, a notary-public, that one or many instruments should be drawn up. These things were done in the chapter-house of the aforesaid Parish Church, and the tenements aforesaid, about nine a.m., in the year, day, month, indiction, and pontificate afore-mentioned, in the presence of John Fyfe, Andrew Cullane, Matthew Fychat, William Wocatte, burgesses; John Waus and John Tullideff, sergeants; John Gudlade, Alexander Vocat, John Modane, Christopher Holande, Lawrence Stuerok, chaplains; with many others.

Attested by Thomas de Leis, presbyter of the diocese of Abirdene, notary-public.

Copy certified by Thomas Zowng, notary-public.

[1] James II.

LXXXV.

Charter by Richard de Kyntor, endowing the Hospital of S. Thomas. 4th July, 1459. (*Large Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Richard de Kyntor, Provost of Abirdene and burgess of the burgh of Kyntor, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, having diligently considered and foreseen my advantage in all respects, and for urgent necessary cause, have given, conceded, sold, and alienated, and by these presents have confirmed the alienation, to Mr. John Chamer, Master of the Hospital of S. Thomas the Martyr, founded by a venerable and circumspect man of good memory, Mr. John Clat, canon of the Churches of Abirdene and Brechin, all and whole those my lands of Kyntor, with their pertinents, and specially nineteen roods lying within the burgage of the said burgh, whereof three roods lie in the west end of the same on the south side held of the Lairds of Fentoun, between the land of Alexander de Kyntor on the east, and the land of the Friars Preachers of Abirdene on the west. *Item*, four roods lying in the same quarter, between the Church's land on the west, and the land of William Abel on the east. *Item*, two roods lying in the same quarter, between the land of the Altar of S. Andrew, in the Parish Church of Abirdene, on the west, and the land of William Scherar, burgess of Abirdene, on the east. *Item*, in the same quarter three roods lying between the lands of John, the son of William, on the west and on the east. And all these roods aforesaid lie between the king's high way on the north, and the common of the said burgh on the south. *Item*, on the north of the said burgh, four roods, lying between the land of the foresaid William Scherrer on the west, and the Church's land on the east. *Item*, in the same quarter of the said burgh, three roods, lying between the land of John Fylp on the west, and the land of the Altar of S. Andrew, in the foresaid church, on the east. Which last seven roods lie between the king's high way on the south, and the Water of Don on the north; for a certain sum of money which a venerable and circumspect man, Mr. Henry Rynde,[1] Treasurer of the

[1] Mr. Henry Rynde was Treasurer of the Cathedral of Aberdeen in 1440, when, on the death of Bp. Lichton, the chapter attempted some reforms in the administration of the

(Cathedral) Church of Abirdene, at the command of the said Mr. John (Chamer), out of the goods of the foresaid Mr. John Clat, founder of the foresaid Hospital, kindly paid to me in numbered money, with which sum, for myself, my heirs, and assigns, I hold myself well content and fully paid, and by these presents for ever quit all claim for myself, my heirs, and assigns, against the said Mr. John, and the said Hospital . . . the said Mr. John and his successors paying annually to our Sovereign Lord the King, the royal duty, and other customary dues, and to the lairds of Fentoun, for the roods mentioned, five bats of oats, old measure, at the terms statutory within the said burgh. . . . And if it happen (which God forbid!) that the said Mr. John or his successors are disturbed by me or others in their possession of the said nineteen roods . . . I bind and astrict my tenement, lying in the Gallogat of Abirdene, between the tenements of Andrew Ruderford, and Alexander, the son of Patrick, and all my other lands, tenements, and annual rents, within the kingdom of Scotland, to be distrained at the terms statutory in the kingdom, for thirty shillings, Scots, at the hands of the Master of the said Hospital, I bind as often as required, aye and until the said Master of Hospital obtains full and peaceable possession of the said roods. Further, I bind myself, my heirs and assigns, my lands, and all my goods, moveable and unmoveable, wheresoever situated . . . in the power of the said Master of Hospital to the sum of eighty pounds, Scots, . . . if I do anything contrary to the tenor hereof. . . . In testimony whereof my private seal is appended to those presents at the burgh of Abirdene, along with the seals of my brother, Alexander de Kyntor, in sign of his consent, and of Fergus Fylp, baillie of Kyntor, and giver of sasine of the foresaid lands, 4th July, 1459, before these witnesses—Sir Robert Clat, vicar of Cowill; John, the son of William, and William of Kynnor, sergeants of the said burgh of Kyntor; William Smert, William Abel, Robert, the son of John, Andrew Kelle, Thomas, the son of William, burgesses, with many others.

Copy certified by Thomas Zowng, notary-public.

Cathedral: in 1448 we find him approving the statutes of Bp. Ingeram de Lyndesay. (*Registrum Aberdonense*, ii. pp. 68, 70, etc.)

LXXXVI.

Feu Charter by John Vaus. (Fragments.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter Sir John Waus, chaplain, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I . . . have given . . . in feu and hereditary lease, to a prudent man, William Mar, burgess of Aberdene, and his heirs and assigns, all and whole that land of mine, with its pertinents, lying within the burgh of Aberdene, in the Green, on the north side of the king's highway leading to the Fow Brig, between the land of the late Robert Gothro on the north, and the king's highways on the south and east, and the land of the late Henry Bawne on the west. To be held by the said William Mar, his heirs and assigns, in feu, heirship and perpetual lease of me, my heirs and assigns . . . the said William . . . paying annually . . . the sum of fifteen shillings Scots in the name of feu-duty, . . . and paying also to the Carmelite Friars[1] of the said burgh, and their successors, the friars of the said place, one annual rent of five shillings[2]; also, to the chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdene, and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir, one annual rent of twenty shillings Scots. . . . In witness whereof the seal of an honourable man, Gilbert . . . giver of sasine . . . in the year of our Lord 15..., in presence of . . . Mr. John Maist . . . Kyntor . . . three of the sergeants of the said burgh; and Mr. John Nicholsoun.

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[1] The "Place" or Convent of the Carmelite Friars was situated on the south side of the Green—the names Carmelite Street and Carmelite Lane marking the exact locality. In the present year (1891), in digging for the foundations of a new house, a fragment of the Church of the Carmelites was brought to light. It was only the lowest stage of a buttress, but its size and the excellent workmanship of its dressed ashlar (Morayshire sandstone) gave clear evidence both of the extent of the edifice and of the purity of its architecture. To the south east of the buttress, the old conventual burying-ground was easily identified by its rich black soil and the number of human bones which were found in it. A portion of these last was reinterred in the Churchyard of S. Nicholas. For some account of the Convent, see Kennedy, *Annals of Aberdeen*, ii. pp. 72-75.

[2] Now is James Brabner's land; few for 7*s*. (*Note in the Chartulary.*)

LXXXVII.

Feu Charter by Curate and Chaplains to Alex. Rutherford. 6th August, 1530. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene wish eternal health in the Lord. Know that we, with consent and assent assembled for this purpose in the chapter of our church, and the advantage of ourselves and our successors being diligently considered and advice had thereon . . . have given . . . in feu . . . to an honourable man, Alexander Rutherfurd, one of the baillies of the burgh of Abirdene, all and whole that land of ours, outer and inner, the garden and barn of the same, with its pertinents, lying within the said burgh in the Castle Street, on the north side of the same, between the land of Patrick Lesley on the west, and the lands of William Leslie and Thomas Andersoun on the east, the king's highways on the north and south, for one annual of nineteen merks, Scots, to be paid by the said Alexander, his heirs, and assigns, and the possessors, whosoever they may be, of this tenement, at the usual half-yearly terms, viz., Whitsunday and Martinmas, . . . to be held by the said Alexander . . . from our Sovereign Lord the King in feu, heirship and perpetual burgage . . . paying to us fourteen merks . . . to . . . Murray, cousin . . . an annual rent (for the days) of his life . . . within the church . . . of the choir of the church . . .

[*The manuscript here is much torn.*]

and if it happen that the said Alexander fail or be negligent in the payment of the said annual rents, it shall be lawful for us, as often as necessary, to take and distrain the said tenement at our own hand, without the intervention of any minister of the law. And, further, if it happen that the said Alexander . . . shall fail in keeping up the said tenement in roof and tiles, so that it becomes ruinous (which God forbid), in that case it shall be lawful for us to have free regress to the said tenement without raising any cry in a court of justice. . . . In testimony whereof, to this charter, signed with the hands of certain of our brethren, is appended our common seal, along with the seal of Baillie Henry Irvein, at the burgh of Abirden, 6th August, 1530, before

these witnesses: John Chalmar, William Chesour, William Tulidef, Andrew Lowson, and Alexander Ogilwy; Thomas Huntar, Thomas Blair, sergeants; with divers others.

[*The part of the leaf containing the signatures is wanting.*]

LXXXVIII.

Charter by Patrick Gordoun of Methlic endowing the Curate and Chaplains of the Choir. 3rd June, 1529. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Patrick Gordoun of Methlik,[1] executor of the will and intromittar with the goods of the late John Murray, burgess of Abirden, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, for the soul's health of the said John, and in fulfilment of the legacy and last will of the same, have given . . . to the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, all and whole that land, outer and inner, new and old, and the garden and barn thereof, lying within the burgh of Abirdene in the Castle Street, on the north side thereof, between Patrick Leslie's land on the west and Thomas Andersoun's on the east, and the king's high-ways on the north and south, which land, with its garden and barn, was formerly the hereditary possession of the said John, who, in his last will, by charter and deed of sasine made on his sick-bed, conceded it in pure and perpetual alms to the foresaid curate and chaplains, which chaplains doubting that the said donation and infeftment would be and was invalid, I, for their more sure infeftment, have acquired from John Allansoun, the true and undoubted heir of the deceased John, for a certain sum of money, paid to him in his necessity, the foresaid land, outer and inner, new and old, with the garden and barn thereof, as formerly expressed. And these lands, with all their pertinents, he, through his procurators lawfully appointed for that purpose, resigned by staff and baton into the hands of one of the baillies of the burgh of Abirdene, in the presence of me and of my heirs . . . To be held . . . by the said chaplains and their successors of our Sovereign

[1] An ancestor, no doubt, of the Earls of Aberdeen: the first authenticated ancestor of the family was an earlier Patrick Gordon of Methlick, who lived in the reigns of James I. and James II. (*circ.* 1430-1460). The town house of the family was on or near the site mentioned in the text.

Lord the King . . . .

[*The manuscript here is much torn.*]

In which infeftment the foresaid chaplains and their successors shall celebrate every day a daily mass at the Altar of S. Salvator, within the said church, at seven o'clock, for the soul's health of the said John and Jonet Gray, his wife, and the souls of their parents, kinsfolk, benefactors, and all from which they got any benefit with too little justice, and of all the faithful dead who are in purgatory. Also annually, on the day of the death of the said John, one anniversary, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, a sung mass, and trenthal throughout the week. With reservation, however, to the foresaid Jonet Gray of free tenement and use of the said land, with its pertinents, all the days of her life. . . . And if we or our heirs refuse to fulfil the same, then we bind ourselves to pay to the said chaplains the sum of 500 merks, Scots, according to the tenor of a certain definitive sentence of the Commissary-general of Abirdene. . . . In testimony whereof to this charter signed with my hand is appended my own seal, along with the seal of the baillie, the giver of sasine, 3rd June, 1529, before these witnesses—Gilbert Menzeis, Provost of Abirden; Alexander Gordoun, Alexander Kay, Mr. James Gordoun, Parson of Lunmey; Mr. Gilbert Chalmer, notary-public; Sir Dauid Rany, chaplain; and a venerable man, Mr. Dauid Dischington, Precentor of Abirdeen; with divers others.

Copy certified by John Nicholsoun, notary-public.

LXXXIX.

Feu Charter by Curate and Chaplains of Choir to Andrew Durtty. 10th March, 153^{2}_{3}.[1] (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene wish eternal health in the Lord. Know that we in chapter assembled, having looked well to our interest, and carefully and seriously discussed and scrutinised the matter, have, with unanimous consent, given and feued . . . to a prudent man, Andrew Durtty, burgess of Abirdene, all and whole that tenement and land of ours, outer and inner, with the

[1] On the twenty-eighth . . . 1607, produced in mode of title on the part of the community of the burgh of Aberdene. Robertsoun. (*Note in the Chartulary.*)

garden and barn thereof, belonging once to the late John Murray, burgess of Abirdene, and given to us by the said John in pure and perpetual alms, lying within the said burgh, on the north side of the Castle Street, between the lands of William Leslie and Thomas Andersoun on the east and the land of Patrick Lesly on the west, and the king's high ways on the south and north; To be held . . . in free burgage perpetually of us and our successors and of our Sovereign Lord the King . . . the said Andrew, his heirs and assignees, paying to us and our successors, the chaplains of the said college of the choir of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, one annnal rent of twelve merks and a half merk, namely, thirteen shillings and four pence for each merk, Scots money . . . also to the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Saluator, founded within the Parish Church of Abirdene, one annual rent of forty shillings, Scots, and likewise all other annual rents due and customary to us from these properties prior to this alienation. . . . In testimony whereof our common seal, with the signature of the curate and the major part of our chapter, also the seal of an honourable man, Alexander Rutherfurd, one of the baillies of the said burgh and giver of sasine hereof, are appended at the same place, 10th March, 1532, before these witnesses, men prudent and discreet—John Murray, Robert Blak, Dauid Arrot, burgesses of Abirdene; Sirs John Waus, William Philpsoun, Alexander Robertsoun, chaplains; Alexander Waus, collector of the chaplains for the time being; Thomas Huntair, sergeant; and Mr. Dauid Nicholsoun, notary-public, and clerk of the Baillies' Court of Abirdeen; with divers others.

Copy certified by John Nicholsoun, notary-public and Town-clerk of Aberdeen; John Kennedy, notary-public; signing himself again as John Nicholsoun, notary-public and clerk of the Baillies' Court of Aberdeen.[1]

XC.

Deed of Gift by Mr. Dauid Menzeis. 21st July, 1528. (Translation.)

In the Name of God, Amen. Be it evident to all by this public

[1] The docquet is in a different hand from the deed.

instrument, that in the year 1528, the 21st of July, the first indiction, and the fifth year of the pontificate of our most holy father in Christ and lord, the lord Clement VII., by Divine providence Pope, in the presence of me, notary-public, and the witnesses under-written, compeared personally a circumspect man, Mr. Dauid Menzeis (who) moved solely by the fervour of his charity, and looking to the health of his soul, gave, contributed, and actually paid over, and in pure and perpetual alms placed into the hands of a discreet man, Sir Dauid Waus, then collector for his brethren and successors, the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, the sum of twenty pounds in gold, good weight, Scots money, and disposed of the same in form as follows: The curate and the other brethren of the choir shall be bound every year on the day of the death of the said Mr. Dauid, solemnly to celebrate one sung mass at the Altar of the blessed Virgin Mary of Piety with the placing of a table, candlesticks, and other things customary to be brought and honestly ministered, and shall fulfil a trenthal of masses throughout the week immediately following, as the manner is. For which the collector shall distribute to them thirteen shillings and fourpence, and after the end of the said mass, the collector shall bestow in charity to the poor, six shillings, and take eight shillings to himself for distributing these. Nor shall it be lawful for the collector, curate, or brethren to touch these same moneys or dispose of them for aught except for the purchase of one annual rent of twenty shillings, or for the construction of a public dwelling-place for their perpetual use. And for the stronger assertion of the truth, and observance of the foresaid condition, he craved that this public instrument should be attested by the common seal of the said chapter, and the signatures of the brethren. These things were done in the bed-chamber of the said founder, about four in the afternoon, in the year, day, month, indiction, and pontificate aforesaid, in the presence of discreet men: Alexander Nicholsoun, John Rattray, James Litstar, laymen; Sirs William Philpsoun and David Loremar, notaries-public; with divers others called and asked to witness the aforesaid.

Attested by John Nicholsoun, Master of Arts, presbyter of the diocese of Dunkeld, notary-public.

XCI.

Deed of Gift by Dame Margaret Chalmer.[1] *18th January,* 153$\frac{0}{1}$.

In the Name of God, Amen. By this present public instrument be it evident to all, that in the year 1530, the 18th of January, the fourth indiction, the eighth year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ and lord, our lord Clement VII., by Divine providence Pope, in the presence of me, notary-public, and of the witnesses under-written, compeared personally a noble dame, Margaret Chalmer, lady of the lands of Findlater and Drum, moved solely by the fervour of her charity, and looking to her soul's health, and gave . . . in pure alms . . . and paid into the hands of a discreet man, Sir William Couper, at that time collector, for himself and his brethren and successors, the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, the sum of twenty pounds, Scots, in gold and silver money, to be disposed of in the manner following, that is: That the curate and the other brethren of the choir shall be bound each year, on the day of the decease of the said Margaret solemnly to celebrate, and honestly to minister at the Altar of S. Katherine within the said Church of S. Nicholas, one sung mass, with the placing of a table and candles, and other things usually laid out, and throughout the week immediately following, to complete the masses of a week's trenthal, as use is, for the soul of the said Margaret and her intentions whatsoever. For which the collector shall annually distribute thirteen shillings and fourpence. And after the end of the mass aforesaid, the collector shall distribute in charity to the poor six shillings, and take eightpence for his trouble. Nor shall it be lawful for the said collector, curate, and chaplains, the brethren of the said choir, to touch these moneys, or dispone them by any bargain whatever, except for the purchase of an annual rent of twenty shillings, or for the building of a public dwelling-place for their own perpetual use. And for the greater truth, assertion, and observance of the foresaid condition, the foundress craves that this present public instrument be strengthened by the

[1] Margaret Chalmer of Findlater and Drum, a benefactress also of the Greyfriars. (See Obituary of the Grey Friars Convent of Aberdeen (*Miscel. Spalding Club*, vol. i.) under date 19th May.) She died in 1532.

common seal of the said chapter, and the signatures of the brethren of the same. These things were done in the Church[1] of S. Nicholas, in the chapel of S. Peter the Apostle, about nine a.m., in the year, day, month, indiction, and pontificate aforesaid, in the presence of the following discreet men: Mr. Thomas Chalmer, vicar of Mygwe; Sirs Dauid Waus, Thomas Bynne, William Philpsoun, and Andrew Waus, chaplains; with divers others, called and invited for the purpose.

Attested by John Nicholsoun, Master of Arts, presbyter of the diocese of Dunkeld, notary-public; Thomas Chawmer, curate of Abirdene; Sir Dauid Waus; Sir John Fyff; Sir John Wauss; Sir Richard Andersoun; Sir William (son of) Philipp; Sir John Cumyng; Sir Dauid Lorimar; Sir John Goldsmytht; John Bissat, Master of the School; Sir William Couper.

XCII.

Charter by David Anderson,[2] endowing the Curate and Chaplains of the Choir. 27th May, 1536. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter Dauid Andersone, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, dwelling in the Gallowgate of the said burgh, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Whereas . . . Know, therefore, that I, in honour of Almighty God, of His immaculate Mother, Mary, and of all the saints of the heavenly court; for my own soul, and the soul of Katherine Hay, my wife, our children, parents, and benefactors, and all those from whom with too scant justice we received any benefits, and all the faithful dead, have given . . . to discreet men, the curate and chaplains of the choir and[3] Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir, all and whole that annual rent of mine of twenty-eight shillings, Scots, . . . payable from that tenement of John Crag lying within the said

[1] *Templum* for church, *divus* for saint.

[2] Burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, formerly indweller in the Gallowgate, who died 20th August, 1536. (*Note in Chartulary* [translated].) See *infra*, Appendix I., No. 30.

[3] Observe *the Choir* AND *Parish Church*, the College of the Choir being really an institution grafted on to the Parish Church.

burgh in the Upperkirkgate, on the north side of the said street, between the land of John Arthour on the east, and the land of Thomas Crafurd on the west, the king's highway on the south, and the common vennel of the said burgh on the north . . . to be held by the said curate and chaplains . . . in pure and perpetual alms. . . . And on account of it the said curate and chaplains shall celebrate annually for ever one anniversary and office of the dead, namely, *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the Saturday immediately after the day of my decease, and a sung mass on the Lord's Day, immediately following with a trenthal of masses, as the custom is, at the Altar of the Saviour[1] throughout the week following, for the health of my soul and the souls aforesaid. Moreover, the collector of the said chaplains for the time being shall take and distribute the said annual rent as follows: To the crier with the hand-bell, for going round the said town for the purpose of moving the people to pray for the health of the said souls, ten pence; to the sacrist, for tolling the bells of the said church thrice at the obsequies on the Saturday aforesaid, and likewise on the Lord's Day immediately following, fourteen pence. Likewise the said collector for the time being shall place upon (my) monument a comely table, and cover it with a decent pall or carpet, and find wax lights in comely manner, as is fitting, for which he shall take two shillings to himself; and annually, on the day of the said obsequies, he shall lay aside four shillings for the more needy poor. And the remainder of the foresaid annual rent—namely, twenty-eight shillings—we shall distribute and pay into the hands of the said curate and chaplains on the day of the said obsequies. And all and each of these things shall be annually observed inviolably by the said curate, chaplains, collector, and their successors, as they shall wish to answer before the Great Judge in the day of the last judgment. . . . In testimony whereof my own seal, along with my sign-manual, as also the seal of an honourable man, Thomas Chawmer, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of these presents, are appended, at Abirdene, 27th May, 1536, before these witnesses, men of thrift and honesty: John Hay, John Brabaner, John Mair (senior), Alexander Andersone (my son), Thomas Mengze, burgesses of Aberdene; Sir John Vauss, chaplain; Thomas

[1] Altare Salvatoris; called elsewhere the Altar of *Saint Salvator*.

Blair, sergeant; and Mr. John Nicholsone, notary-public; with many others.

Copy certified by Mr. Thomas Zoung, notary-public; Mr. Thomas Chawmer, curate of Abirdene; Sir Dauid Wauss, Sir John Fyff, Sir William Couper, Sir William (the son of Philip), Sir Dauid Lorimer, Sir Alexander Robertsone, Mr. William Meldrum, Sir Allexander Andersoun, Sir John Goldsmytht, Sir John Waus, Sir Andrew Wauss.

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XCIII.

Charter by Mr. Thomas Wauss, endowing Altar of S. Martin. 30th March, 1480. (Abstract.)

To all the faithful in Christ who shall see or hear this charter, Mr. Thomas Wauss, Precentor of Moray, and Canon of Abirdeen, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, for the increase of the worship of God, and for the health of my soul, and the souls of John Wauss, my father, and Marjory Wauss, my mother, my brothers, sisters, kinsfolk, and all the faithful dead, have given . . . to Almighty God, and His Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all saints, and to the Altar of S. Martin, Confessor, and to the chaplain there celebrating and to celebrate there for ever, in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, Confessor, of Aberdene, all and whole that land of mine lying in the said burgh of Aberdene, in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof, extending from the land of Symon Craufurd on the west to the land of the heirs of the late Robert, the son of John, on the east, the king's high way on the north, and extending on the south from the said land to another (the property) of the late Telman,[1] goldsmith, which land, in its length and breadth, I have, by God's good providence, acquired by conquest . . . to be held of me in pure alms by the said altar and the chaplain thereof for the time being . . . the said chaplains performing the ecclesiastical service and making devout prayers at the said altar for the health of my soul, the souls of the aforesaid, and of

[1] Perhaps *Kelman*.

all the faithful dead. Also, I will and ordain, for myself and all in my name, that the said perpetual chaplain and his successors shall be bound to be present personally, in a decent and comely habit, at the Greater Hours on all Sundays and Double feasts, as the manner is of the said parish church, along with the other chaplains of the same. . . . Nevertheless, I reserve to myself while I live the right of patronage of the said chaplaincy; and after my decease I will and ordain that the patronage shall belong to John, my brother-german, and heirs male, whom failing, to Richard Wauss, the son of the late Henry Wauss, and his heirs male. Further, I will and ordain that if, through tempest of wind, fire, or otherwise, the said land shall become ruinous or defective, in tiles, or otherwise, it shall not be lawful for the said chaplain to receive any rent from the said land until it is sufficiently repaired; and that it shall not be lawful for the said chaplain in any way to feu or let for an annual pension the said land to any persons or person more than one, except with the express consent of the bishop, dean, and chapter of Abirdeen called together for the purpose, nor except for the augmentation and benefit of himself then serving, or of the chaplains, his successors, serving in the same duty. Moreover, I will and ordain that if the patron, as aforesaid, shall have been negligent, or have acted fraudulently, or at least have made no presentation within the space of thirty days inclusive after the decease of the said chaplain, then it shall be lawful for the dean and canons of the chapter of Aberdeen for the time being in chapter assembled to present for that turn a fit chaplain, without prejudice to the aforesaid patron; the right of patronage nevertheless being reserved to the said lawful patrons after the presentation of the dean, or senior president, with the canons of Aberdeen. In testimony whereof my seal is appended to this present charter at Aberdene the 30th of March, 1480, and, for greater evidence, the seal of Thomas Prat, one of the baillies, before these witnesses—Mr. Alexander Wauss, Canon of Abirdeen; Alexander Menzes, Dauid Menzes, and Andrew Brance, burgesses of Aberdene; Sir Robert Leyss, notary-public; and Philip Dumbrek, one of the sergeants of the said burgh; with divers others.

Copy certified by Mr. Dauid Nicholson, notary-public and common clerk of Aberdeen.

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XCIV.

Charter by William Cowpar, endowing the Curate and Chaplains of the Choir. 4th August, 1538. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir William Cowpar, chaplain, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Forasmuch as through pious prayers, and especially through continual celebrations of masses, where the Son for our sins is offered to the Father, we believe that our sins are remitted, the pains of purgatory destroyed, and the souls of the dead very often liberated from them, and placed among the joys of paradise. Know that I, moved by the effect of pious devotion, in honour of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, of the most glorious Virgin Mary, and of all the saints of the heavenly court, for the health of my soul, and the souls of my father and mother, of Sir Andrew Coupar, my brother-german, of Margaret Chalmer, late Lady of Findlater, of Walter Cullane, and Elizabeth Prat, and of all those of whom with too scant justice I received any benefits, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . in pure and perpetual alms, to venerable and discreet men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, of Abirdene, and to their successors, all and whole my annual rents and lands underwritten, namely: One annual rent of seven shillings from the croft of Walter Howesone, called Helf-Hill, lying in the West Croftlands of the said burgh, between the croft of Alexander Gray, Junior, on the north, and the croft of Gilbert Menzeis on the south and west, and the croft of the Carmelite Friars of the said burgh on the east. *Item*, one annual rent of thirty shillings from John Collison's croft, lying in the said West Croftlands, between the croft of the late John Mar on the east, the lands of Rubislaw on the west, the croft of the Carmelite Fathers of the said burgh on the south, and the king's high way on the north. *Item*, one annual rent of twelve shillings from the crofts of Andrew Murray, Junior, called Cawsay Croft,[1] lying in the North Croftlands of the said burgh, between the croft of the Friars Preachers of the said burgh on the south, the croft of the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene on the north, the king's high-way on the east, and

[1] The name is perpetuated in "Causewayend".

the Cruikit Myir on the west. *Item*, one annual rent of six shillings from the land of the late Dauid Lame, lying on the east side of the Gallowgate of the said burgh, between the land of the late Andrew Burnat on the south, the land of George Barbour on the north, the king's high-way on the west, and the land of the late Dauid Arrot on the east. *Item*, one annual rent of fourteen shillings from a land lying in the Green of the said burgh, between the land of William Patersone, and the burns of the said burgh on the south, east, and west. *Item*, one annual rent of six shillings and eightpence from the land of Thomas Campbell, lying in the said Green at the foot of S. Katherine's Hill, between the land of the late James Knollis on the south, and the land of the late Robert Kynnerty on the north, the garden of Alexander Forbes of Kyndrymme on the east, and the king's high-way on the west, Scots, and to be drawn annually at the two usual terms, namely Whitsunday and Martinmas. *Item*, one land lying on the east end of the Castle Street of the said burgh, between the land of the late Alexander Mathewsone on the west, the Robbers' Gate[1] of the said burgh on the east, the land of the late Thomas Craufurd on the south, and the king's highway on the north. *Item*, another land with its pertinents lying in the Green aforesaid, between the lands of the said chaplains on the north, and the land of the late William Gregory on the south, the burn of the said burgh on the east, and the king's high-way on the west . . . To be held by the said curate and chaplains and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir, of me and my heirs for ever . . . On which account, the said curate and chaplains, and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir, shall celebrate at a fitting time, daily and forever, one mass called the Third Mass, at the Altar of SS. Thomas and George, Apostle and Martyr, within the said Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, for the health of my soul, and of all the souls aforesaid, as they shall wish to answer before the Most High Judge, in the last day of judgment, when they shall render an account of their deeds; also paying annually from the said land lying at the Robbers' Gate, to the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of SS.

[1] *Porta Latronum* (the Robbers' Gate), is the Justice Port, on which the heads or limbs of malefactors, who had been executed on the Heading Hill a little to the east of it, were affixed. Here were exposed at a later date, the head of Sir John Gordon, executed after the Battle of Corichie, and an arm of the great Marquess of Montrose.

Thomas and George, Apostle and Martyr, an annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence; and to the perpetual chaplain of the Holy Cross on the screen[1] an annual rent of four shillings, Scots . . . In testimony whereof my own seal and sign manual, as also the signs manual of the greater part of the said chaplains in token of perpetual observance and fulfilment of the aforesaid, are appended at Abirdene, 4th August, 1538, before witness, men of honour and prudence—Thomas Menzeis, Provost of Abirdene; Andrew Menzeis, Dauid Andersone, Alexander Ruyerfurd, three of the baillies of the said burgh; and Mr. John Nicholsone, notary public.

Moreover, I, the said Sir William Cowpar, have infeft the above-mentioned curate and chaplains, and their successors, in other three pounds eight shillings, Scots, of annual rent of the under-mentioned croft of John Collisone in augmentation of the above-mentioned foundation and my intention, which sum, along with the whole sum above-mentioned of annual rents and rents of the lands above-mentioned, I will and ordain to be distributed by their collector for the time being, yearly and for ever, in manner following, viz.:—to the said curate and chaplains and their successors for the mass above-mentioned, to be celebrated annually as aforesaid, thirteen merks six shillings and eightpence. *Item*, to the said curate and chaplains and their successors, for an anniversary at the above-mentioned altar, to be celebrated yearly and for ever on the Day of S. George the Martyr (23rd April), for the health of my soul and the souls of all the foresaid, namely, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Eve of S. George, with a sung mass on the Day and a trenthal throughout the week immediately following, with tolling of bells, and the placing of a table on my monument and the other requisites for an anniversary in comely fashion, as is customary, twenty shillings of the said money. *Item*, to the more needy poor,

[1] *In solio*. Among the meanings given by Migne, are (1) *umbraculum*, *tentorium*, (2) *limen*, (3) *ambo*. If we take (1) the Cross referred to might be a cross outside the Church, with a covered pulpit (Scottice *tent*, as in "Tent-preachings") beside it; Paul's Cross in London was of this sort. But I prefer (3), and, with Kennedy, who calls this the Rude (Rood) Altar (*Annals of Aberdeen*, ii. p. 88), understand the rood or cross on the screen at the entrance to the choir. See also Professor Norman Macpherson's "Account of King's College Chapel, Aberdeen," p. 13. There was another Altar of the Holy Cross, called the Brown Cross Altar, on the north side of the west end of the Church. (See IX.)

on the day of the said anniversary, twenty shillings of the said money, viz. :—half of the said sum in pieces of bread, and half in money, namely, placks and pennies. The remainder of the sum of all the annual-rents and rents of the foresaid lands, I will and ordain to be devoted and applied to the repairing and maintaining of the lands above-mentioned, when they shall happen to need it or decay, at the hands of the said curate and chaplains and their collector, as they would wish to answer to God in the day of the last judgment.

This is a true copy of the principal charter of foundation of Sir William Cowpar, chaplain, with the augmentation of the same Sir William, collated by me, Mr. John Nicholsoun, notary-public, etc.

So it is, John Nicholsoun, notary-public, attest this with mine own hand.

XCV.

Charter of Sir David Waus. December, 1539. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir Dauid Wauss, perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Martin, within the said Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdene, founded by the late Mr. Thomas Vauss, of good memory, sometime Precentor of Moray, and Canon of Aberdeen, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, with the express consent and assent of a reverend father in Christ and lord, the lord William, by the mercy of God, Bishop of Aberdeen, the dean and chapter of the same, called for the purpose and in chapter assembled, all interested having been previously cited by a public edict affixed to the doors of the chapter-house for a due interval of time, as the custom is, the benefit and advantage of my chaplaincy having been foreseen and looked at all round, and for the augmentation of the rental of the same, have given . . . and let in feu, annual pension, or emphytiosis . . . to a prudent man, John Waus, son and heir of the late Richard Waus, sometime burgess of Aberdene, his heirs and assignees, all and whole that land, belonging (*incumbentem*) and pertaining to my chaplaincy, lying within the said burgh of Aberdene in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof, between the land of Andrew Cullane on the west, and the land of William Rolland, senior, on the east, the king's high-

way on the north, and the land of the foresaid William Rolland, senior, on the south. To be held of me and my successors in the chaplaincy in perpetual feu by the said John Waus, his heirs and assignees, without, however, being let by them, but passing as one whole to (each) successor . . . the said John, his heirs and assignees, paying thence yearly to me or my successors, the chaplains of the said altar, one annual rent of forty shillings, Scots; and, in augmentation of the rental of my chaplaincy, the sum of twenty shillings of the said money —extending, in all, to three pounds, Scots, . . . and also maintaining and repairing the said land or tenement in walls, roof, and all other necessaries, as it has been maintained and repaired. . . . And if the said John, his heirs or assignees, fail in payment of the foresaid three pounds . . . or in the keeping up of the said tenement, or by alienating it without my consent or the consent of my successors, the chaplains of the said chaplaincy, the said tenement shall *ipso facto* revert to us, and we shall have free power to dispose of the same. . . . In testimony whereof my own seal and the seal of the foresaid reverend father in Christ, as also the common seal of the said dean and chapter of Aberdeen, and their sign-manual, are appended, at Aberdene, the ...... day of December, 1539, before these witnesses.[1]

XCVI.

Charter of Henry de Leytht of Barnis, 14th May, 1441. (*Abstract.*)

To all and sundry to whose knowledge these presents shall come Henry de Leytht of Barnis[2] (wisheth) salvation in the Saviour of all. Know that I have given . . . to a discreet man, Sir William de Camera, presbyter, licentiate in arts, a chaplaincy of twelve merks, Scots, of annual rents, as they are attested more fully in the charter drawn up concerning them, to celebrate Divine service at the Altar of SS. Lawrence and Ninian in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary situated there, for the health of my soul and the soul of William de Cadiou, late burgess of Abirdene. . . . Moreover, for myself and my heirs, I grant to the said Sir

[1] No witnesses are given.

[2] Henry Leith of Barns. This altar had been founded in 1355 by William de Leith, who adorned it with images of SS. Lawrence and Ninian (see p. 14): no mention, however, s made there of an image of S. Mary. There were many such in the church.

William free power to substitute a fit chaplain, to do his duty in the said chaplaincy as often as he shall have need thereof or it be expedient. In testimony whereof my seal is appended to these presents, at Abirdene, 14th May, 1441.

XCVII.

Charter of the Foundation of Henry Leytht of Barnis. 14th May, 1441.
(*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Henry Leytht of Barnis (wisheth) health in the Lord. Know that I have given . . . one annual rent of two merks, payable from the Galcroft[1] lying on the north side of the Castle-hill of Abirdene, between Thomas Kynidy's croft called "Phyl ye cop" on the south, and a certain croft of the Friars Preachers on the north; and one annual rent of ten merks, annual rents payable from certain burgage lands lying within the said burgh of Abirden as attested more fully in the charter drawn up concerning them, in pure and perpetual alms to God, the Blessed Mary, and all saints, and to one chaplain, who before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Altar of SS. Lawrence and Ninian within the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, shall celebrate Divine service for ever for the health of my soul, and the soul of William de Cadiou, late burgess of the said burgh, to be held by the said chaplain and his successors . . . with power of distraining by himself or his procurator, the tenants or occupiers of the said lands and the cultivators of the said crofts, as often as need be, and if it happen that the said annual rent of two merks in whole or in part, cannot be got from the said croft . . . I will and grant . . . that the said annual rent of two merks be levied whole from whatever crofts or annual rents of crofts in the burgh pertain or may pertain to me or my heirs . . . In faith and testimony of all which my seal is appended to this charter, and for greater evidence I have procured the common seal of the said burgh to be appended at Abirdene 14th May, 1441, before these witnesses, John Fyff, then Provost; Alexander de Camera, Gilbert Menzes, John Wauss, Walter de Dumbrek, and Robert

[1] Crofts on the Castle-hill (1) Galcroft ; (2) Fill the Cup ; (3) a Croft belonging to the Black Friars. At this time there was no *castle* on the hill ; but these crofts were perhaps on the slope to the north where Park Street now stands.

de Camera, along with William Akinsoun, fellow-burgesses of the said burgh, with many others, etc.

Pray for the founder.

This is a true copy of the principal charter of the foundation, collated and inspected by me, notary-public. So it is. John Kennedy, notary-public, with mine own hand.

XCVIII.

Charter of Henry Leytht. 4th May, 1440. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Henry de Leytht, Laird of Barnis (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, for the health of my soul and the soul of Marjory Stewartt, my wife, and the souls of our ancestors, parents, and successors, and of all the faithful, living and dead, have given . . . in pure and perpetual alms to God, and the Blessed Virgin Mary who bore Him, and to all saints, and to one chaplain celebrating and to celebrate for ever Divine service in the Parish Church of Abirdene, at the Altar of SS. Lawrence and Ninian before the image of S. Mary, for the souls' health of all the aforesaid, one annual rent of ten merks, Scots, to be drawn annually, thus: From the land of Thomas Craufurd lying in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof between the land of Alexander Com on the east, and the land of William de Mar on the west, twenty shillings. And from the land of Robert Wallaus in the same street, on the south side thereof, between the land of John Scroggis on the east, and the land of Andrew Ancroft on the west, twenty shillings. And from the land of Alexander Ruyerfurd in the same street, on the south side between the land of Andrew Ancroft on the east, and the land of Gilbert Menzes on the west, twenty shillings. And from the land of Thomas, the son of Stephen, lying in the Gallowgate on the east side thereof, between the land of Thomas Roull on the north, and my own land, which the late Thomas Turnour dwelt in, on the south, twenty shillings. And from the land of the said Thomas Roull lying in the same street on the east side thereof, between the land of the said Thomas Roull, which he dwells in, on the north, and the land of the said Thomas, the son of Stephen, on the south, twenty shillings. And from the land of Symon Blak lying in the Gaistraw on the west side of the said street, between

the land of the late Dauid Blak on the south, and the land of John Reid on the north, twenty shillings. And from the bothis (booths) of Stephen, the son of John in the Gallowgate, and the Buthraw[1] on the west side thereof, between the land of Angus Adamsoun on the north, and the land of the said Stephen, the son of John, on the south, thirteen shillings and four pence. The foresaid annual rent of ten merks to be held and drawn from the said lands by the said chaplain and his successors for ever . . . I will also and ordain that in the event of the said perpetual chaplain for the time being obtaining promotion to another benefice, it shall be lawful for me and my heirs, male, to present another fit chaplain to the said chaplaincy. And if by demission or death of the perpetual chaplain for the time being to the chaplaincy so vacant through the negligence of me or of my heirs male, another fit chaplain has not been presented within forty days, I will and grant that for that time the Provost and community of Abirdene shall have power to dispone the said chaplaincy. Moreover, if it happen (which God forbid!) that there are no heirs male of my body, I will and grant that the right of presenting to this chaplaincy shall devolve on the Provost and community of the said burgh for ever. Moreover, I will and decree for myself and my heirs that the said chaplain of the said chaplaincy shall be present at the canonical hours usually observed in the said church . . . In testimony whereof my seal is appended to these presents, along with the seals of a reverend father in Christ and lord, the lord Henry[2] Bishop of Abirdeen, and of the community of the burgh of Abirdene. Witnesses, the foresaid reverend father in Christ and lord, the lord Henry, by the grace of God, Bishop of Abirdeen; Sir Alexander Forbes, knight, Lord of that ilk; John Scroggis, then Provost of the said burgh of Abirdeen; Thomas de Camera, John Wauss, Gilbert

[1] The Buthraw, see page 52 (note), seems to have been that known till its demolition in 1869 as the Huxter Row. There were many Rows in Aberdeen: the Ship-row, the Guest-row, the Booth-row, the New-row. Compare in Edinburgh the Potter-row, and in Elgin the Shuttle-row. An old name of Huntly was "The Rows of Strathbogie".

[2] Henry Lichton, Bishop of Aberdeen, 1422-1440. He had been previously Bishop of Moray. He was the builder of the greater part now standing of the Cathedral of Aberdeen. The nave, south aisle, the south porch, and the west porch—all the old parts that are of granite—are his work. His epitaph may still be read on his tomb in the north transept of the Cathedral.

Menzes, Stephen, the son of John, Thomas Blindschell, burgesses of the said burgh; Alexander de Camera, Matthew Fichat, then baillies; William Aikinsoun, Malcolm Sissour, then beadles, with many others. In the year of our Lord, 1440, the 4th day of May.

This is a true copy of the principal charter of the foundation collated by me, the undersigned notary-public.

So it is, John Kennedy, notary-public, with mine own hand.

XCIX.

The Charter of Nicholas Baxstar. 2nd April, 1527. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Nicholaius Baxstar, burgess of Abirdene (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, wishing to anticipate by works of mercy that day of last judgment (which to those who have done good works in this life shall be full of joy, but full of anxiety and sadness ever-during to those who do the opposite), so that the things which we have sown on earth we may be able to reap with multiplied fruit in heaven, have, therefore, in honour of Almighty God, of His undefiled Mother, Mary, and of all the citizens of heaven, for the health of my own soul, and the souls of Agnes Howeson, my wife, of our children, parents, and benefactors, and of all from whom we have received with too little justice any good things, and for the souls of all the faithful, given . . . to discreet and prudent men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, and their successors for ever, All and whole that land of mine lying within the said burgh, in the Gallowgate on the west side thereof, between the land of the heirs of the late John Murray on the south, and the land of Thomas Blak on the north, and the king's high ways on the east and west. To be held . . . by the said curate and chaplains . . . of me and my successors, from our Sovereign lord the King in feu and perpetual heirship . . . on which account the said curate and chaplains and their successors shall celebrate for ever for my soul and the soul of the said Agnes Howesone, my wife, every week on Mondays one Mass of the Five Wounds, by one of the said chaplains as the custom is, at the Altar of the Holy Cross, situated in the nave of the said

church, commonly called "The Browne Croce," and also annually on the day of my death the office of the dead with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, a sung mass, and trenthal throughout the week following as the custom is, for ever, for the health of my soul and the souls aforesaid. Moreover, the collector of the said chaplains for the time being shall cause the crier with the hand-bell to go round the whole town in the day of the offices so as to incite the people to prayer for the health of the foresaid souls, he shall place a table upon my monument, and cover the same with a comely pall or covering, shall find wax lights, and finally shall cause the sacristan to toll the bells of the said church three times, alike for the office and for the mass, at the expense of the said chaplains, as they shall wish to answer before the Great Judge; which service failing (which God forbid!) the heirs of the foresaid Nicholaius shall have free regress to the said land. Reserving, nevertheless, to the said Nicholaius, free tenement and use of the same all the days of his life, and immediately after his death (the beneficiary), intromitting with the fruits and profits of the said land, and also beginning the service and so continuing for ever. . . . In testimony whereof my own seal, with the seal of an honourable man, William Rolland, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of the aforesaid, are appended at Abirdene, 2nd April, 1527, before witnesses, prudent men—Dauid Lame, Andrew Craufurd, junior, Andrew Durty, Alexander Hay, Dauid Murray, burgesses of Abirdene; Dauid Heroun, sergeant; and Mr. John Nicholsone, notary-public, with divers others, called and summoned for the purpose.

C.

Common Rental of the Chaplains of the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, of the Annual rents in which they are infeft, so that being given in order it may be seen more clearly.[1] (*Translation.*)

[Possessors of the underwritten lands in the year 1587.]

IMPRIMIS, for the late Sir John Kingorin, late vicar of Abirdene, from the croft of the late Robert Prat, near the Justice Mill, xs.

[Now in the hands of Alexander Howesone, senior.]

[1] The entries in smaller type, within brackets, are written in the margin of the Chartulary.

Item, for the same, from the land of Gilbert Littstar in the Green, iiijs. iiij*d*.

[In the hands of Walter Lowson, Andrew Dun, and John Clark.]

Item, for the same, from the land of the late James Kennedy, now Robert Kennedy's, in the same street, xx*d*.

[In the hands of John Fraser, latoun.]

The sum of this, xvis.

Item, for Sir Robert Patosoun, chaplain, from the land of the late Sir Thomas Herney, now infeft to the Minister of Holy Trinity[1] and his successors, by us, the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of Abirdene. It lies in the Shiprow, near the Place[2] of the Holy Trinity, xxs.

[From the large garden of Mr. Robert Chamer.]

Item, for the same, from the croft of the late Alexander Mar, now John Mar's; near the Crapstain, xs. vj*d*.

Item, for the same, from the croft of Robert Culane, now John Culane's, vj*d*.

[Walter Cullane's.]

The sum of this, xxxiiijs.

Item, for James Blinscheil, from the land of John Malisoun, now Alexander Gray's, indwellers in the Netherkirkgate: in all from this land, vjs.

[Arthur Pantoun's.]

[1] The Minister of Holy Trinity was the collector of the Convent of that name, the Trinitarians or Red Friars. The Order, instituted in 1200, had specially in view the redemption of Christian captives taken by the Infidel. The Aberdeen house was founded in 1211 by William the Lion, who gave them his palace and garden. In 1633, Dr. William Guild, the then owner, bestowed the property on the Incorporated Trades. The church of the convent seems to have remained entire till 1794, when it was demolished to make room for the unsightly building which still remains, degraded into a low music hall. (See Kennedy, *Annals*, ii. 66.)

[2] The *Place* of the Holy Trinity—their Convent. The word *Place* seems to have been almost the technical name in Scotland for a friary. See above, p. 141 (note), and compare the entry in the Obituary of the Greyfriars of Aberdeen, under date 27th August.

Item, for the same, from the land of Nicholaius Baxstar, in the same Netherkirkgate, xs.

[Mr. Andrew Auchinleck's.][1]

The sum of this, xvjs.

Item, from the land formerly John Gillespy's, for John Gillespy, in the Gallowgate, now pertaining to the heirs of Andrew Barker, xs.

The sum of this, xs.

Item, for William Rattre, from the land of the said late William Rattre in the Castle Street, on the north side thereof, xiijs. iiij*d*.

[In the hands of John Dauidson and Andrew Aedy.]

Item, for the same, from the land of the late Thomas Og, outside the gate of the said (Castle) Street, now belonging to John Murray, junior, infeft therein by us, the chaplains of the choir, vjs. x*d*.

[Let to the heirs of William Ranaison for xs.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Matthew Fichat, from the north land of the late John Knollis, lying in the Gaistraw, on the west side thereof, xxs.

[Andrew Jak's.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Walter Thomsoun, from the land of the late John Huytzonsoun in the Hukstarraw, now William Rolland's in Castle Street, xs.

[In the hands of Thomas Dewy.]

The sum of this, xs.

Item, for Walter Achneiff, junior, from the land of the said Walter lying in the Nethergate of the Church of S. Nicholas, between the lands of Andrew Low and Andrew Meldrum, xxs.

[Dauid Ferguson's.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, the Provost's, inhabited by Walter Blair, vs.

[Andrew Mengzes'.]

[1] The title *Mr.* implies a clergyman. There was a Mr. Andrew Auchinleck, who in 1567 had charge of three Forfarshire parishes, Barry, Murroes, and Monifieth; as the number of Reformed ministers increased, he settled at Monifieth, where he died, 11th February, 1599, aged 85. (Scot's *Fasti*, vi. p. 723.) The identification seems probable, and would fix the approximate date of those entries.

Item, for John Hutzonsoun, from the land of the late Alexander Malthesoun, now belonging to the vicar of Neig, Sir Andrew Scherar, tutor of the son of the said Alexander, lying in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, xiijs. iiij*d*.

The sum of this, xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item, for Duncan Clet and Helen his spouse, from the land formerly the said Duncan's, now belonging to Sir John Rudirfurd, knight, lying in the Uppergate of the Church of S. Nicholas, xiijs. iiij*d*.

[Patrick Lokhart's.]

Although the aforesaid land owes xxs. according to the tenor of the original foundation.

Item, for Thomas Blinscheil, from the land of the late William Scrimzour, now Robert Smytht's, in the upper street of the Castle, lying at the head of the street in the Heidraw, on the east side thereof, xiijs. iiij*d*.

[Gilbert Blak's.]

The sum of this, xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item, for Sir William Leitht, from the land of the late Patrick Lesley, senior, which his wife lives in, in the Netherkirkgate, on the south side thereof, xvjs.

[James Lesly's.]

The sum of this, xvjs.

Item, for John Stewensoun and wife, from the land of the late John Litstar, chaplain, lying in the Netherkirkgate, xxs.

[Patrick Gray, senior's.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Gilbert Menzes, Andrew Menzes, and Alexander Menzes, from the croft of the late Andrew Murray, now belonging to the heirs of Dauid Murray, which croft formerly belonged to the said Alexander Menzes, xxs. and (this at Whitsunday).

[Now in the hands of Alexander Rudirfurd.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, from the croft of the late Richard Kintor, now belonging to the heirs of Alexander Myrtoun, for Thomas Crafurd and his wife, xiijs. iiij*d*.

The sum of this, xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item, for Robert Blinschiel for a Sunday mass, from the land of the late Henry Losin, now Thomas Angussoun's, the salmon-fisher, in the Shiprow, xs. viij*d*.

[Now in the hands of Thomas Ph . . .]

Item, from the land now almost waste set by the chaplains to John Middiltoun, lying in the same street (the Shiprow). But it failed to pay, and is now recovered after three processes at law, xs.

[In the hands of the heirs of Thomas Fynne.]

The sum of this, xxs. viij*d*., and nothing paid except only xs. viij*d*.

Item, for the obit of the said Robert, from the land of Petmokstoun, xxvjs. viij*d*.

[Mr. Gilbert Bissett's.]

Item, for the late Alexander Menzeis, from the workshops or booths formerly William Blinscheil's, now Gilbert Menzes', opposite the smiths' workshops, on the west side of the street, xiijs. iiij*d*.

[William Jak's.]

The sum of this, xls., and out of it for the poor and for expenses xxs., and the other twenty shillings (to be distributed) among the chaplains.

Item, for Mr. Thomas Murisoun, late vicar of Premet,[1] from James Collisoun's land which he lives in, in the Netherkirkgate, xxs.

[Alexander Rutherfurd's.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, from the land of the late James Andirsoun, now belonging to the wife of John Murray, senior, indweller in Castle Street, lying in The Fuyl Gutter in the Castle Street, for Mr. Symon Doddis, xxijs.

[John Melvin's.]

The sum of this, xxijs.

Item, for Sir Dauid Waus, from the land of the late John Menzes, now Thomas Brechin's, lying in the Shiprow, xxs.

[Robert Watson's.]

The sum of this, xxs.

[1] Premet (? Premnay).

Item, for William Cantely, from the land formerly the said William's, now Alexander Tulideff's in the Gallowgate, on the east side thereof, xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item, for the same from our new land from its original foundation, xiijs. iiij*d*.

The sum of this, xxvs. iiij*d*.

Item, for John Knollis and wife, from the land of the late Duncan Tailzeour, now belonging to John the son of Arthur, in the Gallowgate, xvjs. viij*d*.

Item, for the same, from the land of the late John Londoris, now Andrew Tailzour's, iijs. iiij*d*.

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Margaret Waus, and John Menzes, her husband, from the land of Gilbert Menzes, lying in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof, xxs.

[Now belonging to Gilbert Menzes of Petfodellis.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Andrew Branche, from the land of the late William Meirnis in the Netherkirkgate, now waste, vis. viij*d*.

Item, for the same, from the land of Matthew Branch in the Shiprow, iijs. iiij*d*.

The sum of this, xs.; and of this is waste, vjs. viij*d*.

Item, for John Durward, from the land of the heirs of John Kintor, inhabited by the wife of Dauid Mar, senior, in the Upperkirkgate, vs.

[Now belonging to the heirs of Gavin Vischert.]

Item, for John Stuwart and wife, from the land formerly belonging to the said John, now Duncan Portar's in the Gallowgate, on the east side thereof, xvijs. iiij*d*.

The sum for this, xvijs. iiij*d*.

Item, for Sir Alexander Vocat,[1] and Agnes Fichat, wife of the late Dauid Collisoun, from the land of the late James Collisoun, formerly

[1] Sir Alexander Vocat was a priest; Agnes Fichat was probably his sister. The widely different forms of the same name set, side by side, afford an instance of the wide "liberty of spelling" which our forefathers allowed themselves.

belonging to Dauid, the son of Robert, in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, iiis. iiij*d.*

[21st March, 1593. Produced in mode of probation, by Robert . . .]

Item, for the same persons, from the land of Walter Thomsone, now Jonnak Thomsoun's, lying on the same side of the same street, vs.

Item, for the same persons, from the land of the late Andrew Anfra, lying on the east side of the same street, xij*d.*

Item, from the land of John Collisoun, in the same street, lying on the west side thereof, next Agnes Buchan's land, xx*d.*

Item, from the land of Thomas Tailzour, now William Lione's in Futhy, inhabited by John Cromy, ixs.

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for William Adamsoun and wife, from the land of the late Richard Kintor, now belonging to Robert Moises, and inhabited by him, xxs.

[Walter Lowson's.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Margaret Blabir, wife of the late John Blak, from the land of the late Andrew, the son of Henry, now belonging to the heirs of Andrew Burnat, near Darnatti's gawille,[1] xiijs. iiij*d.*

The sum of this, xiijs. iiij*d.*

Item, for Sir Andrew, the son of Henry, from the same land, xiijs. iiij*d.*

The sum of this, xiijs. iiij*d.*

Item, for William Futhes for a Mass of the Five Wounds[2] every Monday, from the land of the late William Nicolsoun, now his heirs', in the Castle Street, on the north side thereof, xxs.

[Now belonging to Dauid Mar, junior.]

And from the land of the late Mr. Alexander Bissat, now belonging to the chaplains of the choir, set by the chaplains to John Collisoun, junior, vjs. vj*d.*

To the chaplains of the choir and the chaplains of S. Eloy, vs. vi*d.*

In all from that land, xijs.

The sum (due) to us, xxs., vjs. vj*d.*

[1] Darnatt's gable.

[2] Mass of the Five Wounds. See Appendix IV.

Item, for John Torrelatht,[1] from the land of the late Mariorie Monk, outside the north gate of the Castle Street, xiijs. iiij*d*.

[Now belonging to Edward Donaldson and Macolinus Car.]

And from the land of John Saddelar at the bridge of the Netherkirkgate, xjs.

[Now belonging to the heirs of Thomas Nicolson.]

The sum of this, xxiiijs. iiij*d*.

Item, for Philip Dunbrek and Elizabeth Dacker, from the land of the late Lawrence, the son of Thomas, now Simon Flescher's, set to him by us the chaplains, in the Netherkirkgate, on the south side thereof, xs.

The sum of this, xs.

Item, for Lindesay Harrat, from the land of the late Dauid Finny, inhabited by his wife, in the Castle Street, iijs.

The sum of this, iijs.

Item, for Thomas Midding, from the land formerly the said Thomas's, now Adam Bobstar's, set by us, in the street (called) the Scuylhile, xijs.

[Stil.]

The sum of this, xijs.

Item, for Sir William Elphinstoun, parson of Clat, from the land formerly Andrew Atkin's, now Mr. Thomas Chawmer's, set to him by us, in the Shiprow, xxs.

[Now belonging to the heirs of Gilbert Cryle.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for John Vormet and wife, from the croft formerly the said John's, lying in Futhe, set by us to Dauid Andirsoun, xxs.

[Robert Cullan's.]

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Sir Andrew Gray and Helen Gawitt, his mother, for a Mass of the Name of Jhesus[2] every Friday at S. Michael's Altar, from the croft of John Collisoun, called "The Loch Croft," xxs.

The sum of this, xxs.

[1] Some of the names are very curious: Torrelatht, Monk, Harrat, Midding, and the Christian name Macolinus—perhaps for Malcolm.

[2] Mass of the Name of Jesus. See Appendix IV.

Item, for Sir John Stirling, for a Mass of the Commemoration of the Holy Spirit[1] every Tuesday at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist, from the croft of the late William Anfray, xs.

Item, for the same, from all and sundry the lands and roods of Robert Andirsoun, junior, burgess of Inruuery, lying within the burgh of Inruuery, xjs.

The sum of this, xxjs.

Item, for the same Sir John for a Mass of the Commemoration of the Holy Trinity[2] at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist from the land of the late Duncan Tailzour, now belonging to John, the son of Arthur, over-against the Convent of the Friars Minor, xxs.

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Duncan Reid, for a Mass of the Commemoration of the Body of Christ every Thursday[3] at the High Altar, from the land of the late Andrew Michelsoun, near the gate of the Schuilhill.[4]

[Now belonging to William Patrie, the Chanter.]

Item, from the land of John Mair in the Gallowgate, which he inhabits for behalf of himself, viis.

[George Strathauchin's.]

Item, for the same, from the land of Walter the son of Thomas, now Sonnok, lying in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, vs.

The sum of this xxijs.

Item, for John Cromy and wife, from all and whole that land formerly (his), now the chaplains', set to divers persons, and after deduction of all annual rents and other dues, bringing in to us vjs. ij*d*.

Item, for Valter Achneiff, senior, from the land of the late Andrew Murisoun, now Nicholas Baxstar's, in the Netherkirkgate, on the south side thereof, xs.

Item, from the waste land of the late George Valcar, xs.

Item, for the same, from the land of the late Martin Kemp, now James Collisoun's in the Grein, vs.

[1] Mass of the Commemoration of the Holy Spirit. See Appendix IV.

[2] Mass of the Commemoration of the Holy Trinity. See Appendix IV.

[3] Mass of the Body of Christ. See Appendix IV.

This latter is appropriately on Thursday, the day of the week on which the Eucharist was instituted.

[4] The *gate* of the Schoolhill. Is there other mention of it?

The sum of this xxv*s*., but v*s*. is for waste land.

Item, for Sir William Murisoun,[1] late curate of this town, from the land of the said late Sir William, lying in Futhe, now belonging to John the son of Arthur, xx*s*.

[Gilbert Menze's.]

The sum of this xx*s*.

Item, for William Buchan, baker, Agnes Straachin, his wife, and Andrew Gordoun, from the several (singular) roods of William Henrison, formerly John Curry's (and) Thomas Chousoun's, lying in the burgh of Inruury, as contained in the evidents drawn up thereupon, xxiij*s*. iiij*d*.

The sum of this xxiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, for Gilbert Menzes, provost, for a Mass of Commemoration of the Holy Ghost, every Wednesday, at the Altar of S. Sebastian, from the croft of the late William Prat, now the said Gilbert's, lying near the Justice' Mill, xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, from another croft, vj*s*. viij*d*.

The sum of this xx*s*.

Item, for Sir John Chawmer, for a Mass of the Five Wounds, every Friday, at the Altar of S. Salvator,[2] from the inner land of the late Jonet Rolland, now belonging to the heirs of Bishop Alexander Gordon[3] in the Upperkirkgate, on the north side thereof, xxiiij*s*.

[From the land of the late John Arthour.]

The sum of this xxiiij*s*.

Item, for Alexander Wschert, from the land formally his, now belonging to the chaplain of S. Thomas the Martyr.

Item, for Sir Andrew Chawmer, from the foresaid land, v*s*.

And the Curate, Mr. Thomas Chawmer, Mr. Gilbert Chawmer,

[1] William Murisoun is perhaps the William Moryson who on the 23rd of March, $14\frac{89}{90}$, signs an obligation to Mr. Symon Dods, parson of Innernothy, to celebrate a Mass every Monday at the Altar of S. Andrew in the Church of S. Nicholas, for the repose of the soul of John, Earl of Mar. In that year, Murisoun was only one of the chaplains, Sir David Waus being curate. He may have succeeded Waus. (*Registrum Ep. Aberd.* ii. 303. The obit of Mr. Symon Doddis is entered below, CVIII.)

[2] This Mass of the Five Wounds was celebrated with much appropriateness of time and place, at the Altar of S. Salvator (Our Saviour), on Friday, the day of His Crucifixion.

[3] Bp. Alexander Gordon, the successor of Elphinstone, died in 1518.

Mr. Duncan Chawmer, and Gilbert Litstar, executors of the late Sir Andrew Chawmer, are bound according to the tenor of the last will of the said Sir Andrew, to infeoff the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, in other five shillings out of five pounds which they received from the same Sir Andrew.

Item, for Andrew Lousoun and wife, from the land of Sir Andrew Coupar, in the head of the Netherkirkgate, xij*s*.

Item, for the same, from the land, as well inner as outer, of the late Alexander Coupar, now belonging to the said Sir Andrew, William Blinscheil, and William Brechin, in the Shiprow, viij*s*.

The sum of this xx*s*.

Item, for Mr. Thomas Chawmer, curate, and his mother, from the land of the same Mr. Thomas in the Gallowgate, on the east side thereof, which the same curate himself dwells in, for a Mass of S. Katherine,[1] every Tuesday, at the Altar of S. Katherine, xx*s*.

The sum of this xx*s*.

Item, for John Collisoun, senior, his father and mother, during his life-time, and after the decease of the said John, for himself, his wife and children, at the Altar of S. Michael, from all and whole that land, inner and outer, belonging to the said John in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, presently inhabited by William Lorimar and . . . Bissat, wood-sawyer, xx*s*.

The sum of this xx*s*.

Item, for the obit of Sir John Litstar, chaplain, from the lands of the late Richard Litstar, near the Church of the Holy Trinity in the Grein, xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

The sum of this, xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, for Thomas Waus and wife, for a Mass of the Five Wounds every Thursday, at the Altar of S. Martin, from the newly built Chaplains' Land[2] at the head of the Shiprow, xx*s*.

Item, for the same, from the land of William Blinscheil in the same Shiprow, near the Kei (quay), iiij*s*. vi*d*.

[1] Mass of S. Katherine. See Appendix IV.

[2] The newly built Chaplains' Land seems to have been a Clergy-house, where the chaplains, or a number of them, lived in community. The numerous burdens on it in the way of Masses may point to its having been built by the help of the contributions of the faithful. The curate, it is to be noted, lived in a house of his own in the Gallowgate.

The sum of this, xxiiijs. vj*d*.

Item, by Mr. John Flescheir, formerly Chancellor,[1] from the foresaid house, for a Mass of the Commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary[2] every Saturday at the Altar of S. Michael, xxs.

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for Alexander Malisoun and wife, for a Mass of the Five Wounds at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist every Friday, from the foresaid new land, xxiiijs.

[8th May, 1604, produced in form of probation against James Fyen. Robertson (clerk).]

Item, for Mr. David Menzes, for a Mass of the Compassion of the most Blessed Virgin Mary[3] every Friday in the Lower Church of S. Nicholas, from the same land, xxs.

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, for the obit of William Futhes, from the land of the late William Ranesoun in the Upperkirkgate, now Andrew Stratoun's, xiijs. iiij*d*.

The sum of this, xiijs. iiij*d*.

Item, for Alexander Strangheid, from the land of the late Andrew Branch, presently inhabited by Matthew Branch, in the Shiprow, on the west side thereof, xs. iiij*d*.

Item, for the same, from the barn of the late Patrick Lesley, now belonging to the heirs of the same in the Green, lying near the Cemetery of the Church of S. Nicholas,[4] vs.

The sum of this, xvs. iiij*d*.

Item, for John Stocker, from the land of the late John Culane, now

[1] Chancellor of the diocese of Aberdeen. He was Chancellor, 7th September, 1493. He died 9th February, 1522. He gave to the Cathedral a silver chalice and paten. (*Reg. Ep. Aberd.* i. 333; ii. 180, 211.)

[2] Mass of the Commemoration of the Blessed Virgin. See Appendix IV.

[3] Mass of the Compassion of the most Blessed Virgin. See Appendix IV. This Mass, it will be noted, was to be celebrated in the Crypt, now S. Mary's Chapel, which was dedicated to Our Lady of Piety, *i.e.*, the Virgin Mother with the dead Christ on her knees. Friday, the day of His Passion, was very appropriate for this Mass.

[4] Before the formation of Union Street, the properties on the north side of the Green stretched up the slope to the Churchyard of S. Nicholas, which may have extended further to the south than at present.

his heirs', in the Gallowgate beside The Braid Gutter on the south side thereof, vs. iiij*d*.

Item, for the same, from the land of the late Alexander Roch, now his heirs', in the Green, vjs.

The sum of this, xis. iiij*d*.

Item, for Mr. John Badenach[1] and his father, from the land of the same Mr. John, now belonging to the heirs of John Matheland, xxiiijs.

And in the Netherkirkgate, from a piece of land on the south side of the street, between this (house) and the (Flour mill) burn, xvj*d*.

The sum of this, xxvs. iiij*d*.

Item, for Robert Crag and wife, for a Mass of the Five Wounds every Friday at the Altar of S. Peter, from the land of the late same Robert, now belonging to William King, dyer, in the Gallowgate,[2] on the west side thereof, opposite the Greyfriars', xxiiijs.

The sum of this, xxiiijs.

Item, for James Collisoun, from the land of the late Dauid Adamsoun in the Gallowgate on the east side thereof, now belonging to the heirs of the said Dauid, xijs.

Item, for the same, from the land of John Piper in the foresaid street lying on the west side thereof, ijs.

[15th December, 1607, produced in form of proof against John Touth. Robertsoun (clerk).]

Item, for the same, from the land of the late William Beiltze, now his heirs', in the Schuilhil on the north side thereof, ijs.

Item, for the same, from the land of Nicolas Baxstar in the Netherkirkgate, lying on the south side thereof, ijs.

Item, for the same, from the land of the late John Portar, now the curate's, in the Gallowgate on the west side of the street, ijs.

The sum of this, xxs.

Item, the annual-rents underwritten are always paid in hand at the time of the celebration of the obsequies and Divine offices following.

[Let the revenue be paid in hand.]

Item, in primis, for Thomas Prat, from the land of James Collisoun in the Upperkirkgate, presently inhabited by the said James, xxs.

[1] He was vicar of Gamrie, 1512.

[2] This part of the Gallowgate had not yet been widened to form Broad Street.

Item, for the same, from the land of the late John Grig, now Gavin Murray's, in the Gallowgate on the east side thereof, iiijs.

The sum of this xxiiijs.

Item, for Andrew Murray, senior, from half a net of the Fords on the Water of Dee, xxiiijs.

The sum of this xxiiijs.

Item, for Alexander Reid and Margaret Crafurd, his wife, from the land of the late Dauid Tilman, now William Rolland's, in the Castle Street on the south side thereof, xxs.

The sum of this xxs.

Item, for the father and mother of Alexander Gray, from the land of the late Alexander Logy in the Gallowgate, now belonging to Robert Barbour *alias* Huytzousoun, xxs. viij*d*.

The sum of this xxs. viij*d*.

Item, for Mr. William Stradaquhin and Mr. Thomas Stradaquhin, from the inner land of the late Malcolm Crag, now belonging to the heirs of John Fichat, in the Castle Street on the north side thereof, xxs.

The sum of this xxs.

Item, the perpetual chaplain of S. Mary Magdalene is bound to pay annually to the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of Aberdene for the obit of Andrew and Cristina Kagheo, his spouse, xxs.

The sum of this xxs.

Item, for Stephen Balrony, from the land of the late Henry Reid, now his heirs', lying in the Upperkirkgate on the north side thereof, xxs.

The sum of this xxs.

Item, the chaplain of the original[1] foundation of the Altar of S. Michael is bound to pay to the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of Aberdeen, annually for the obit of Angus Adamsoun, xxiiijs.

The sum of this xxiiijs.

Item, the chaplain of S. Mary is in like manner bound to pay to the same chaplains for two obits of Mr. John Smale, viz.:—A sung mass with trenthal following at the Feast of the Nativity of S. John Baptist (24th June), and another trenthal at the Feast of S. Martin in

[1] These chaplaincies had been formed in the church, it is probable, prior to its erection into a Collegiate Church, and entries like the above may mark the terms of their adjustment to the new constitution.

winter (11th November), from the land of the said late Mr. John Smale, now pertaining to the chaplain of S. Ann, xx*s*.

The sum of this xx*s*.

Item, for the obit of Mr. Thomas Waus, late Precentor of Moray and Canon of Abirdene, the chaplain of Altar of S. Martin of the original foundation, is bound to the chaplains of the foresaid choir for a sung mass and trenthal, with placing of a table, and wax (lights) as the custom is in the said church, for which the same chaplain is infeft, xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

The sum of this xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, for a solemn Mass of the Body of Christ, every Monday at the High Altar, for which mass the chaplains are infeft with the Justice Mills by the Provost, baillies, council and community of the said burgh, iiij*lb*.

And for non-payment of the said mass in times past and gone ij merks at (this) date, as is more fully contained in letters given thereon to the said chaplains.

Item, for Mr. Andrew Hal, Treasurer of Abirdeen and official of the same, for a daily mass at the High Altar, the chaplains of the choir are infeft for ever in a half net at the Fords (of Dee), set to the late Alexander Malisoun and his wife, and now to his wife for the duration of the said lease, v*lb*.

Item, for the same, from the lands of Findone, viz.:—Achnaquiack and Arnabo, as contained more largely in the mortification of the same, xl*s*.

Item, for the same, from the land of the late William Buchane, baker, now belonging to Andrew Buchan, junior, baker, lying in the Gallowgate, viij*s*. viij*d*.

Item, for the same, from the land of the late John Loudor, now Andrew Tailzour's, in the same street, xj*s*. viij*d*.

The sum of all for the first mass viij*lb*. iiij*d*, but of the said sum the chaplains pay to the chaplains of the Cathedral Church of Abirdeen annually xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

And so for the said mass annually vij*lb*. vij*s*.

The total sum of this mass vij*libs*. vij*s*.

This is the true and undoubted Rental of all the foundations and rents of the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of Abirdene,

collected by Sir Andrew Couper, and revised by the said chaplains, and in this Register inserted, corrected and amended quite lately, as will appear more clearly in the foundation charters thereon made. Witness my manual cheirograph and seal appended to the same, 26th March, 1521.

W. Phi(lipson), notary-public.

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CI.

Charter of Sir Dauid Waus. 4th October, 1549. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir Dauid Waus, perpetual chaplain of the Altar or chaplaincy of S. Thomas the Martyr, situated within the burgh of Abirdene (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, my own advantage, and that of my successors being carefully considered, and moved by certain reasonable causes, notably for the construction and building of the waste land undermentioned, whereof, neither I nor my successors, in times past within the memory of man had ever any advantage, and with the express consent and assent of the Provost, baillies, council, and community of the said burgh of Abirdene, the undoubted patrons of the said chaplaincy, gathered, the greater part of them, for this purpose in the Town-house of the said burgh, and representing the (whole) body of the same, have given . . . to feu or perpetual heriditary lease . . . to an honourable man, Dauid Mar, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and to his heirs and assigns whomsoever, all and whole that waste and uninhabited land with its pertinents belonging to the said chaplaincy lying within the burgh in the Castle Street, on the west side of the same, between the land of the late John Vaus, Laird of Many, on the south, and the land of the Altar or chaplaincy of S. Barbara the Virgin situated within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene on the north, the land of Robert Cullan on the west, and the king's highway on the east, to be held . . . by the said Dauid Mar, his heirs and assigns of me and my successors under our sovereign Lady the Queen

and her successors the kings or queens[1] of Scotland in feu heirship and free burgage for ever . . . the said Dauid . . . rendering to our Queen and her successors the kings or queens of Scotland the burgage service due and customary . . . and paying thence annually to me and my successors the chaplains of the chaplaincy of the said hospital the sum of ten shillings, Scots, in name of feu duty. . . . In testimony whereof to this charter signed with my sign manual is appended my own seal, together with the common seal of the said burgh of Abirdene, in sign of the consent of the Provost, baillies, councillors and community of the said burgh, the patrons of the said chaplaincy, and the seal of an honourable man Gilbert Menzes, junior, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine hereupon, at the said burgh, 4th Oct., 1549, before witnesses, honourable men: Thomas Menzes, Provost of the said burgh; Gilbert Menzes, baillie of the same; Walter Cullane, Robert Rattre, Mr. Thomas Menzes, Alexander Turing, John Junor, one of the sergeants of the said burgh; and Mr. John Kennedy, notary-public, with divers others.

This is a true and undoubted copy of the principal charter collated by me Mr. John Nicholson, clerk of court of the baillies of Abirdene and notary-public, etc. . . .

CII.

Feu Charter of the whole tenement of S. Peter's Altar, by Mr. Dauid Waus, Chaplain.[2] (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir Dauid Waus, perpetual chaplain of the chaplaincy or Altar of S. Peter the Apostle within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord, know that I, having considered my own advantage and that of my successors, and being moved by certain reasonable causes, and chiefly for the augmentation of the annual rental of the said chaplaincy to the sum of thirteen shillings and four pence, Scots, more

[1] In the original *regibus seu reginis*. The meaning, according to the correct Latin construction, could have been the same without *reginis*, but there had been no Queen regnant of Scotland since the days of the Maid of Norway, and the feeling of strangeness in being under female rule is not unnaturally expressed in the unwonted phrase. Moreover, instead of the usual form King *of Scots* we have here the territorial, Queen *of Scotland*.

[2] Described on the margin of the Chartulary *Mr. Thomas Menzes' Charter*, 1549.

than the said tenement with its garden and pertinents has yielded for a long time past, with the express consent and assent of the Provost, baillies, councillors, and community of the said burgh of Aberdene, assembled in the Town-house of the same and representing the entire body of the said burgh, the undoubted patrons of the said chaplaincy, have given . . . and let in feu . . . to an honourable man, Mr. Thomas Menzes, burgess of the said burgh, his heirs and assigns whomsoever, all and whole that tenement belonging to my said chaplaincy, viz. :—the land outer and inner, and the garden thereof, lying within the said burgh, in the Castle Street, on the north, on the north side thereof between the land of the late Patrick Leslie on the east, and the land of the late Mr. John Badzenoch on the west, the king's highway on the south, and the common vennel of the said burgh on the north. And this because the said Mr. Thomas caused to rebuild anew the roof of the said outer land in beams and tiles and other necessaries at his own expense, and for the building, construction and repair of other parts of the said tenement now old, ruinous, and in imminent danger of falling to the ground if renewal be not quickly brought to it, to be held . . . by the foresaid Mr. Thomas Menzes . . . of me and my successors from our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her successors, the kings or queens of Scotland in feu and perpetual lease . . . the said Mr. Thomas . . . and . . . paying to me and my successors annually . . . the sum of nine merks, Scots . . . namely, eighty merks for the old rent, and thirteen shillings and four pence in augmentation of the rental of my said chaplaincy on account of the causes above expressed. . . . In testimony whereof to this charter signed with my sign manual, is appended my own seal together with the seal of an honourable man Alexander Ruyerfurd, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine hereupon, also the common seal of the said burgh of Abirdene. At Abirdene 4th Oct., 1549, before these witnesses, honourable men: Mr. Robert Lumisden, Dauid Andersoun, Walter Cullan, Dauid Mar, Gilbert Malisoun, burgesses of the said burgh; Dauid Reid and John Junor, sergeants; Mr. John Nicholsoun and Mr. John Kennedy, notaries-public, and divers others.

This is a true and undoubted copy of the principal feu-charter, collated by me Mr. John Nicholsoun, notary-public and common clerk of the burgh of Abirdene . . . etc.

CIII.[1]

Letter of Annual Pension of Six Merks made to the Chaplains of the Choir of the Church of S. Nicholas of this Burgh by the Provost, Baillies, Councillors and Community thereof, from the Justice Mills, for the Celebration and Support of a Mass of the Body of Christ every Monday by the said Chaplains. 8th May, 1508. (*Abstract.*)

Be it known to all men by these present letters that we, Provost, baillies, council and community of the burgh of Aberdeen, . . . have assigned . . . to our trusted orators,[2] the curate and chaplains of our Parish Kirk of the said burgh, eight merks, Scots, of the rents and dues of our Justice Mills of the said burgh, . . . to be raised from the same, for twelve years, because we rest their debtors to the extent of sixteen pounds, Scots, for the upholding and singing of the Mass of the Sacrament called the Holy Blood Mass[3] every Monday for certain years bypast. And the said twelve years being complete and running, we grant a gift to our said chaplains of six merks of rent and dues from our said mills continually and perpetually for the upholding of the said mass. The said eight merks . . . to be held by the said curate and chaplains and their successors for . . . eight years, as aforesaid; and henceforth six merks yearly. . . . The entry of the said curates and chaplains . . . shall be at the Feast of S. Martin in winter next, . . . and after entry they shall enjoy . . . the same peaceably for the upholding of the said mass—aye, and until we provide them with another place as distrainable for the payment of the said merks. . . . In witness whereof, we have appended our secret seal of the said burgh, 8th May, 1508.

In a head court of the said burgh of Aberdeen, holden in the townhouse of the same, 2nd October, 1508, a man of great probity—Gilbert Menzeis, Provost—with consent . . . commanded . . . these letters to be sealed with the secret seal of the said burgh. . . . Witness the whole court, and I, John Baidenagh, notary-public, etc.[4]

[1] This charter, with the exception of the title and testing-clause, is in English, which is modernised and abbreviated in the text.

[2] The word seems to be used in the sense of those who make it their business to *pray for the people* rather than to *preach to them.*

[3] Observe that in the title it is called a Mass of the Body of Christ, here of the Holy Blood.

[4] The testing-clause is in Latin.

CIV.

Benefactors of the Church of S. Nicholas.

In the year of our Lord one thousand,[1] etc. (*sic*), an honourable man William Leithe, in his own (life-)time adorned and decored the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene with two large bells of great price, hanging in the bell-tower, at his own cost and expense, whereof the name of the one is Lawrence and the name of the other Mary. To whose soul may God be gracious. Amen.

The same William adorned the said Church with a priest's vestment complete, and cope of blue[2] velvet of great price, embroidered, moreover, with orphreys of gold, and other things useful corresponding to the same. Whose soul, may it be placed in heaven. Amen.

James Crage, burgess of Abirdene, a man of repute and prudent, decored and adorned the Altar of S. Nicholas with the small image of S. Nicholas. To whose soul may God be gracious. Amen.

A noble lady, Christina le Broyss, adorned and decored the Altar of S. Nicholas with a chalice of silver, gilt, and (set) with precious stones, etc.

Men of great prudence, William Turinge, Stephen de Mannielle, and Berthilomew de Eglishame, in their own day adorned and decored the High Altar of S. Nicholas with the large chief image of S. Nicholas. Whose souls may (God) place in the highest heavens. Amen.

An honest man, John Anstrother, decored the Altar of S. Nicholas with an image of S. Mary, etc.

In the year of our Lord,[3] etc. (*sic*), William Strabrok founded the Altar of S. James.

[1] 1351. See p. 13.

[2] The text has *blodio*, a word which Migne interprets "blood-colour". But others, he says, understand "sky-blue". We must adopt this latter view, for it is evident that this vestment is the same as that commemorated in No. IX. (p. 14), when the word is *blauio*, undoubtedly "blue" (*Scottice*, "blae"). The "vestment" is the chasuble, as distinguished from the cope.

[3] 1401. See p. 12.

William Leith augmented and enlarged the Choir of the Blessed Virgin Mary in length towards the south by the space of sixteen feet; and there he founded the Altar of SS. Lawrence and Ninian, which he adorned with mass-book, breviary and priestly vestments; and there he lies buried. To whose soul may Christ be gracious. Amen.

The same William left in his will xl. pounds to the fabric of the Church.

The late William Strabrok, of good memory, founded the Altar of S. James the Apostle within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, and infeft the same with the annual rents underwritten, viz.: twenty shillings from the land of John Malisone in the Castle Street, on the north side of the same; two merks from the land of William Goldsmitht, on the south side of the same street; sixteen shillings and eight pence from the land of Gilbert Waus of Many, on the west side of the said street, in the Chakar Raw;[1] and forty pence from the land of Sir Ingeram Bannermane in Futj. Whose soul may Christ place in the heavens.

The obit of a late man of good memory, Richard Cementurius (the mason), and the founder of the chaplaincy of S. John, Apostle and Evangelist.

Of old, Richard Cementurius, of good memory, burgess of the burgh of Abirdene, founded the Altar of S. John, Evangelist and Apostle, within the said church.

CV.

Obit of Mr. Robert Schand. 12th January, $154\frac{8}{9}$. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Mr. Robert Schand, Parson of Alnais[2] and chaplain of the Altar of S. Ann, the Mother of

[1] Exchequer Row.

[2] This seems to be the right reading. In editing the text, however, I read the *n* as a *u*, converting the word into Alves, a parish in Moray, as did the Editor of the "Obituary of Franciscan Convent at Aberdeen" (*Miscellany of the Spalding Club*, vol. i. p. 71). The fact,

the Virgin Mary, situated within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Meditating beforehand, and often thinking it out in my mind, that we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Our Lord Jesus Christ to render an account of our own deeds as we now are living in the body, and it shall be rendered to every one (Psalm 60[1]) according to his works; (and that) therefore it is good to anticipate with works of mercy the day of final judgment, so that the things which we have sown on earth we may be able to reap with multiplied fruits in the heavens, and especially with provision for the celebration of pious prayers and the distribution of alms on earth —since by almsgiving we believe that sins are remitted, and henceforth hope beyond doubt that, through the merits of Christ, life eternal is gained, for this approveth our truth-speaking Lord Jesus Christ, the father of truth, saying, "Give alms" (Luke ii.),[2] "For alms doth deliver from all sin and from death, and doth not suffer the soul to go away into darkness" (Tobit xii.),[3] "Water quencheth fire, and alms resisteth sin" (Ecclus. iii.),[4] "Redeem thy sins by almsgiving" (Daniel iv.),[5] "Alms alone," saith S. Ambrose, "can bear the dead man company";[6] and it is certain it can be proved by very many other testimonies of sacred eloquence:—Therefore know that I, in honour of God Almighty, and of the glorious Virgin Mary, His Mother,

however, that Schand was a Canon of Ross, in which diocese Alness is situated (see below, No. CXX.), ought probably to decide for Alness. He bought for the Grey Friars of Aberdeen "the north part of their lower garden," caused to be erected the reredos of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin in their church, and gave them a camlet cloak.

[1] Ps. lxii. 12 (as we number the Psalms; the Vulgate numbers it lxi.). The elaborate argument as to the value of almsgiving is no doubt a witness to, and a result of, the spread of the Reformed doctrines. It will be observed, however, that the merits of Christ, though inserted only parenthetically, are not ignored.

[2] Seconde—a mistake for *duodecimo* (S. Luke xii. 33. *Cf.* S. Luke xi. 41).

[3] Tobit xii. 9—(A. V. "For alms doth deliver from death, and shall purge away all sin. Those that exercise alms and righteousness shall be filled with life"). Two texts from Tobit are cited in the Offertory in the Book of Common Prayer, but not this.

[4] Ecclus. iii. 30—(A. V. "Water will quench a flaming fire; and alms maketh an atonement for sins"). This verse forms part of the Third Responsary in the Roman Breviary Office for Ember Wednesday in the first week of Lent.

[5] Dan. iv. 27—(A. V. "Break off thy sins by righteousness").

[6] The thought of the Saint is justified by the saying of Our Lord (S. Luke xvi. 9); it strikingly states the converse of the Psalmist's, "When he dieth, he shall carry nothing away" (Ps. xlix. 17).

and of all saints, for the health of my soul, and the souls of my parents and benefactors, and of all those from whom I received any good things with too little justice, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . in pure and perpetual alms . . . to venerable and discreet men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir, for ever, All and whole my annual rent of twenty-six shillings and eight pence, Scots, to be drawn by them . . . from all and whole that inland land and garden of the same, pertaining to the late Alexander Wentoun . . . lying within the said burgh in the Gallowgate, on the east side thereof, between the land of the late Thomas Scherar on the north, and the land of William Carnes on the south . . . the outer land of the said tenement on the west, and the public way on the east . . . to be held . . . by the foresaids . . . from me and my heirs . . . under our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her successors, the kings or queens of Scotland, in feu, patrimony, and perpetual heirship. . . . For which the said curate and chaplains, and their successors, shall celebrate annually a sung Requiem Mass, in Gregorian song, on the 7th day of March, up to the day of my death, and after my decease on such day as I shall have migrated from this world,[1] at the aforesaid Altar of S. Ann, with my obsequies solemnly in the accustomed manner, with *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the preceding night, sung and other masses throughout the week immediately succeeding, by the chaplains severally, as the custom is. And the collector of the said chaplains for the time being shall distribute the foresaid sum as follows:—To each chaplain present and celebrating, sixteen pence. *Item*, to the sacrist for tolling the bells three times at the obsequies and three times at the mass, fourteen pence. *Item*, to the crier for going round the whole city (urbem) with hand-bell and by word of mouth inciting the people thereof to prayer for my soul, two pence. *Item*, to certain poor persons and needy scholars present at the mass and at my obsequies and praying for my soul, two shillings, at the discretion of the collector. *Item*, the said collector shall take for himself, for wax

[1] Schand died on the 1st of August (*Obituary of Franciscan Convent of Aberdeen*). The word "migrated" (migraverit) may remind us of the famous epitaph, still legible in the cemetery of Nuremberg, on Albert Durer—"emigravit". Durer died 1528.

(lights) and for placing a table covered in a decent and comely fashion upon my monument, two shillings. And all those the said chaplains shall cause fulfil, as they shall wish to answer in the day of final judgment. . . . In testimony whereof I have subscribed this present charter of foundation, along with the signs manual of the said curate and chaplains, at Abirdene, 12th January, 1548, before witnesses—Thomas Menzes, Provost of Abirdene; Alexander Rutherfurd, Alexander Knollis, Mr. Robert Lumisden, Masters John Nicholsoun and John Kennedy, notaries-public; with divers other.

CVI.

Sale of Property by the Curate and Chaplains of the Choir. 10th May, 1539. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the burgh of Abirdene (wish) eternal health in the Lord. Know that we, in chapter assembled, called, and calling all who had interest, with our consent, after careful foreseeing, weighing, and considering the interest of our foresaid chapter, and for certain reasonable causes moving our minds thereto, have sold, alienated, and confirmed . . . to a prudent man, Andrew Craufurd, senior, burgess of Aberdeen, and to Elizabeitht King, his wife, and the longer liver of them, and to their children lawfully begotten or to be begotten, whom failing to their heirs and assigns whomsoever . . . All and whole that outer land of ours . . . now inhabited by the said Andrew and Elizabeitht, lying within the said burgh on the south side of the Shiprow, between the land of Andrew Cullane on the east and the land of Gilbert Malisone on the west, the king's high way on the north and the inland land of the said Andrew Craufurd on the south, for one annual rent of twenty shillings, Scots, payable to us and our successors at Whitsunday and Martinmas yearly, from the said outer land, and for the repair and construction of the said outer land . . . To be held by the said Andrew and Elizabeitht of us and our successors under our Sovereign Lord the King . . . reserving the right to ourselves and our successors to poind and distrain the said outer land for the payment of the said annual rent, and in event of failure to pay the same, freely to

re-enter it . . . in spite of anything fulminated or to be fulminated to the contrary. . . . In testimony whereof, to this present charter, signed with our signs-manual, are appended our common seal, also the seal of . . . Andrew Menzes, one of the baillies of the burgh and giver of sasine, at Aberdene, 10th May, 1539, before witnesses—Walter Craufurd, James Collisone, Thomas Huntar, Thomas Blair, Alexander Kay, sergeants, with divers others. Witnesses—Gilbert Malisone, and Mr. Dauid Nicholsoun, town-clerk of the said burgh; Mr. Thomas Chalmer, curate of Abirdene, with his own hand; Sir John Waus, Sir Dauid Waus, Sir John Fyf, Sir James Barclay, Sir Alexander Leslie, Mr. John Hay, Sir Alexander Robertson, Sir John Cumyng, Sir Andrew Waus, Sir Alexander Anderson, Sir Robert Spark, Mr. David Nicholsoun, notary-public.

Attested by John Nicholsoun, notary-public.

CVII.

Benefactors of the Church of S. Nicholas.

A woman, prudent and of good repute, Cristina Cadiow, relict of the late Andrew Allansoun, Provost of Abirdene, at her own expense decored and ornamented the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene, situated within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, of Abirdene, with one complete vestment of silk, viz.: the blew wellortis (blue velvets), for priest, deacon, and sub-deacon, with a cope of silk of the same colour, ornamented with gold; and with a chalice of silver gilt, three ounces in weight, to remain at the said altar in the sure keeping of the chaplain of the said altar. Notwithstanding the said vestment shall serve in the choir of Abirdene on greater double feasts. To whose soul may God be gracious. Amen.

An honourable man of great prudence and honour, Andrew Alansone, formerly Provost of this burgh of Abirdene, founded the perpetual chaplaincy of the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene, founded within the Parish Church of the same, and endowed it with two lands lying collaterally in the Gallowgate, and with two crofts—the Sow Croft

and the Calsay Croft; [1] and with two merks from lands which were formerly John Blinsele's in the Green, on the east side of the street which leads from the Church of S. Nicholas to the Church of the Carmelite Friars; and with five shillings in Futy, from the land now John Tailzour's; with ten shillings from the whole land lying eastward of the land of John (the son) of Stephen; and from the land of the late William Giffard in the Shiprow from the site thereof xx. shillings. To whose soul may Christ be gracious. Amen.

A prudent woman, Elizabetht Blynseil, wife of the late Thomas Chalmer, burgess of Abirdene, gifted one missal, printed,[2] to be the common property of all the chaplains celebrating in the Church of S. Nycholas, as long as it (the book) can last, that they may pray for her husband, and for herself, and for Mr. Thomas,[3] her son, etc., etc.

CVIII.

Rental of the Obits and Anniversaries founded by certain men of good memory, noble, prudent, discreet, and of good repute, and assigned to the Vicar and Chaplains of the College of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the Burgh of Abirdene. Written at Abirdene by the hand of Sir John Stirucling, notary-public, 6th October, 1491.

THE obit of Sir John Kingorne, late Vicar of Abirdene, was on the first Sunday after the Feast of S. John Baptist (June 24) in the year of our Lord 1438. It shall be celebrated annually on the same Sunday, with the offices of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the Saturday preceding, by chaplains to the number of twelve, and with sung mass and trenthal throughout the week following as the custom is, at the Altar of S. Nicholas. For which anniversary the said chaplains are infeft in ten shillings from the land or croft of William Prat near the Justice Mills, in four shillings and four pence from the land of the late Thomas Litstar in the Grene, and from the land of James Kennerty in (the) Grene, twenty pence, as they shall be answerable.

[1] The name survives in Calsayseat. It is derived from the causeway at the north end of the Broadford.

[2] See above, p. 56.

[3] This is the well-known curate of Aberdeen.

The obit of the late Sir Robert Patonsone, chaplain, was on the first Sunday after the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1437. It shall be celebrated annually on the same Sunday, with *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the Saturday preceding, and with a sung mass and threnthal throughout the week following. And they shall celebrate another trenthal of xxx. masses annually at the Feast of S. Martin (November 11). For which anniversary they are infeft in twenty shillings from the land of the late Sir Thomas Heruy near the House (Convent) of the Holy Trinity, with ten shillings and six pence from the croft of Alexander Mar at (the) Crabstane, and forty-three pence from the croft of John Culane at (the) Crabistane.

The obit of the late James Blinsell was on the Day (*sic*) of the Holy Trinity 1450; whose anniversary the chaplains shall celebrate annually in this form: xxiiii. masses in the Feast of Whitsunday, and as many masses in the Solemnity of S. Martin, in S. Nicholas' Church. For which they are infeft in six shillings from the land of John Malisone in the Netherkirkgate, and in ten shillings from the land of Andrew Muresoun in the Netherkirkgate; as they shall be answerable, etc.

The obit of the late Sir William Leithe, chaplain, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14), 1438; whose anniversary the chaplains shall celebrate at the Altar of S. Leonard on the Sunday next following with offices of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday preceding, to the number of twelve chaplains, and with a sung mass and trenthal throughout the week following, as the custom is. For which they are infeft in the land both outer and inner of Lindesay[1] Harrald, lying in the Netherkirkgate, as they will be answerable.

The obit of the late John Stokar . . . in the year fourteen hundred and . . . whose anniversary the chaplains shall celebrate yearly in the Sunday next after the Feast of SS. Crispin and Crispinian (October 25) at the Altar of these saints, with a sung mass and trenthal throughout the week following. For which they are infeft in five

[1] A case of a surname employed as a Christian name.

shillings and four pence from the land of John Culane, and in six shillings from the croft at the Crabstane, as they will be answerable.

The obit of Alexander Stranghed was on the Feast of the Chains of S. Peter (August 1), 1437; whose anniversary the chaplains shall celebrate in this form, viz.: A trenthal at the Feast of Pentecost and another on the Feast of S. Martin, within the said church. For which they are infeft in ten shillings and four pence from the land of Andrew Branche in the Shiprow, and in five shillings from the barn of the late Thomas Culane: namely, for celebrating xlviij. masses.

The obit of the late John Gilespy on the Feast of S. Michael (September 29), 1472; whose anniversary the chaplains shall celebrate, viz.: A trenthal annually on the said day and the week following at the Altar of the Holy Blood, and other altars situated round about it. For which they are infeft in ten shillings from the land of the said John in the Gallowgate; as they shall be answerable.

The obit of the late Andrew (the son) of Alan,[1] on the Feast of S. Bartholomew (August 24), 1479; for the which Andrew and Cristina the chaplains shall celebrate annually on the Sunday next after the Feast of S. Bartholomew one sung mass with a trenthal throughout the week following, and the offices of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday preceding. For which the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene shall pay to the chaplains above-written twenty shillings, Scots, immediately after the celebration of this anniversary.

The obit of the late William Retre on the Sunday after the Feast of S. Leonard (November 6),[2] 1480; whose anniversary they shall celebrate annually on the same Sunday at the Altar of the Holy Blood, with the offices of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the preceding Saturday a sung mass on the Sunday, and trenthal through the week

[1] See p. 185, where he is called Alansone.

[2] This feast was variously observed. 6th November is the day given in the Book of Common Prayer. Other authorities give 26th November. S. Leonard was a monk of the sixth century, honoured as a confessor chiefly in France. His name does not appear in the Roman Missal or Breviary.

following. For which they are infeft in thirteen shillings and four pence from the land of the said late William, now occupied by William Abirdour, and in six shillings and eight pence from the land of Thomas Oyge in the Castle Street.

The obit of the late Stephen de Balronny . . . whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually on the Sunday after the Feast of Epiphany (January 6) at the Altar of S. Stephen, with offices of *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the preceding Saturday, a sung mass on the Sunday following, and a trenthal of masses throughout the week. And the chaplain of S. Stephen's Altar shall answer for twenty shillings yearly to the college (of chaplains) for this service.

The obit of the late Matthew Fechat[1] on the Feast of Epiphany (Jan. 6), 1483; whose anniversary they shall celebrate on the Sunday following, singing a mass from the music with trenthal following. And another trenthal at the Feast of Pentecost, at the Altar of S. Michael. For which they are infeft in twenty shillings annually from the north land of John Knollis, lying in the Gastrow.

The obit of the late Walter Thomson, on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feb. 2); whose anniversary they shall celebrate on the Sunday next following, one trenthal at the Altar of S. James. For which they are infeft in ten shillings from the land of the late John Huchonsone, butcher, in the Hakster Raw.

The obit of the late Angus Adamsone, 1484. And the said chaplains shall celebrate annually a trenthal at the Feast of Epiphany, and another trenthal on the Feast of S. John Baptist (June 24). For which the chaplain of S. Michael's Altar shall answer up to twenty shillings annually.

The obit of the late Duncan Clat, on Passion Sunday (5th Sunday

[1] To this there is appended in the *Chartulary* the following marginal note: "Produced 19th Feb., 1533, in mode of probation, and recovered from the writings of Sir John Stirueling, by Mr. Thomas Annand and Alexander Menzes, sworn on the oaths of the same. Malousoun, clerk."

in Lent), 1455; whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually . . . with a mass sung from the music, and trenthal of masses throughout the week following, as the custom is. For the chaplains are infeft in thirteen shillings and four pence from the land of the late Duncan, in the Upperkirkgate; as they shall answer.

The obit of the late Thomas Blinsele, on Passion Sunday, 1455; whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually at the Altar of S. Peter on the said Sunday, with a mass sung from the music, and trenthal of masses throughout the week following, as the custom is. For which the chaplains of the college are infeft in thirteen shillings and four pence annually from the land of the late William Adesone, lying in the east end of the Castle Street; as they shall answer.

The obit of the late John Stewinsone, on Mid-Lent Sunday, 1475; whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly on the said Sunday, with a sung mass, and other masses following, for the soul of the said John, etc. And there must be celebrated another trenthal on the Sunday after the decease of the spouse of said John, for the salvation of her soul, and that of the said John, at the Altar of S. Ninian. For which the chaplains are infeft in twenty shillings from the land of the late John Sprunt, in the Netherkirkgate; as they shall answer, etc. And another trenthal of masses for Agnes Branch, the spouse of the said John, on the Sunday after Our Lord's Epiphany, by the chaplains of the college, at the Altar of S. Ninian.

The obit of Walter Auchneywe, father, on the Sunday *in Albis*[1] after Easter, 1480; whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually on the same Sunday, with the offices, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday preceding, a mass sung from the music, and trenthal throughout the week following, as the custom is, for the salvation of his soul, and the soul of his spouse. For which anniversary, to be celebrated annually at the Altar of S. Peter, the chaplain of the original foundation of the

[1] The first Sunday after Easter, called also Low Sunday. It was called *in albis* because those who had been baptised on Holy Saturday (the great day for baptisms in the Early Church) wore the white habit assumed for that ceremony throughout the octave, Low Sunday included.

said chaplaincy shall answer to the college for twenty shillings a year, and find lights, and deck the monument, and order it, and cause toll the bells, for which he shall pay the sacrist.

The obit of the late Andrew Menzeis shall be celebrated annually [on the second Sunday of April, with a sung mass, and trenthal of masses through the week following, as the custom is. And the obit or anniversary of the late Gilbert Menzeis, his father, shall be celebrated annually on the Sunday next following, with a mass sung from the music, and a trenthal of masses following throughout the week, as the custom is, during the life of Alexander Menzeis[1]]. And after the decease of the said Alexander, the chaplains of the college shall celebrate an anniversary for his soul, and the soul of Elizabetht Leslie, his spouse, and the souls of the said Andrew and Gilbert, on the proper day in the month of November, at the Altar of S. Sebastian, the Martyr, with the office of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday preceding, with a mass sung from the music, and trenthal throughout the week following. For which they are infeft in twenty shillings from a certain croft of the said Alexander's, near . . . as they shall answer.

The obit of the late Thomas Crafurd on the Feast of S. John the Evangelist before the Latin Gate (May 6),[2] 1474; whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist in the Feast *Ante Portam Latinam*, with sung mass, and trenthal of masses throughout the week following, as the custom is. For which the chaplains are infeft in thirteen shillings and four pence from the croft of the late Richard Kyntor; as they shall answer.

The obit of the late Mr. John Finaly . . . whose anniversary

[1] The words enclosed in brackets are deleted in the charter, and on the margin, in another hand, are written: "The obit of Alexander Menzes and Elizabeth Leslie, his wife, "of Gilbert Menzes and Andrew Menzes, shall be celebrated annually on the Feast of All "Saints (November 1) by the chaplains of the college of S. Nicholas, with *Placebo* and "*Dirige*, on the vigil, a sung mass on the day, and a trenthal throughout the week".

[2] This feast commemorates the casting of S. John the Apostle into a vessel of boiling oil, out of which by the favour and protection of God he emerged unharmed. This event (which is mentioned by Tertullian) took place at Rome, before the gate of the city opening towards Latium.

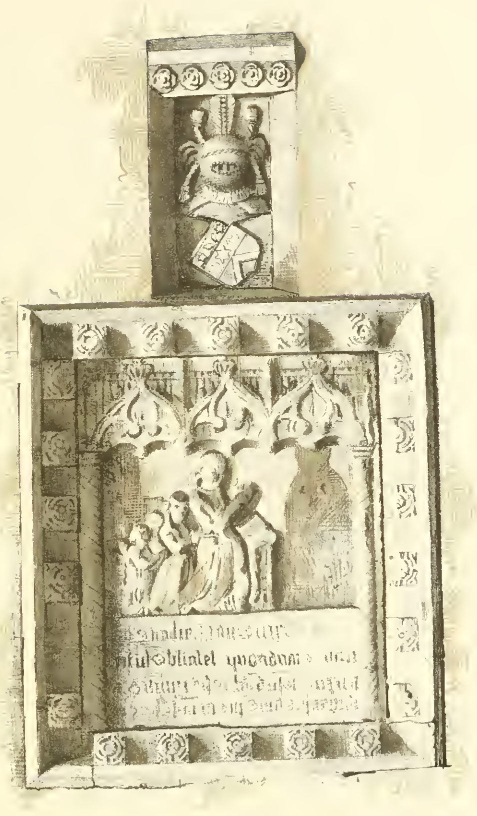
the chaplains of the college shall celebrate in this form: They shall sing from the music one mass annually, on the Feast of the Nativity of S. John Baptist (June 24), with a trenthal of masses in the week following, and another trenthal on the Feast of S. Martin (November 11), for the salvation of his soul, etc. For which the chaplain of the Altar of S. Ann, at which the said mass shall be sung, shall be answerable to the chaplains of the college for twenty shillings.

The obit of the late William Adamsone . . . whose anniversary the chaplains shall celebrate in this form: a trenthal of masses in the Feast of Pentecost, and another trenthal at the Feast of S. Martin, yearly, for the soul of the said William, and after his decease for that of Marjory Nicholsoun, his relict, and the souls of their kindred, etc. For which anniversary they are infeft in twenty shillings from the land of the late Robert Kintor in the Gallowgate; as they shall answer.

Robert Blinsell, at the prompting of Divine charity, founded a mass to be celebrated every Sunday at the Altar of the glorious Virgin Mary at the time of the beginning of mattins in all time coming. For which the chaplains are infeft in twenty shillings and eight pence annually from two lands lying collaterally in the Shiprow; as they shall answer. And the said mass shall be sung in the presence of the scholars at their entry for mattins . . . with *De profundis*[1] . . . for the souls of the said Robert, his parents, benefactors, and all the faithful dead.

The obit of Robert Blinsele, late Provost of Abirdene, and Elizabetht Wod, his wife, at the Altar of the most Blessed Virgin Mary situated within the said church in the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene. Whose anniversary they shall celebrate yearly (viz.): The offices of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday next after the Feast of the Apostles Philip and James (May 1); on which day, at the time of the office, the collector shall place near the tomb of the said Robert a table, and cover it with a cloth of linen or wool, worth two shillings, bought by himself; and shall choose thirteen poor folk to be present

[1] Psalm cxxx.



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personally praying till the office is concluded for the salvation of the soul of the said Robert, and the souls of his wife, children, parents, and all the faithful dead. Upon which table the same collector shall place xiij. poor (men's) two-penny loaves, which, with certain pieces of flesh uncooked, and two pence to each of the said poor men, when the office has been celebrated, he shall distribute to the extent of six shillings and six pence. Moreover, he shall give the foresaid cloth to a poor man.[1]

Also he shall give a collation that night to the chaplains, the brethren of the college, meeting in some respectable place, seven shillings and six pence; to the crier who goes round the town, three pence; to the sacrist for tolling the bells, twenty-one pence; for wax and the making of the same (into candles), two shillings annually; and to the chaplains of the college, twenty shillings, who shall celebrate a sung mass for the foresaid souls on the Sunday following at the Altar of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, with a trenthal in the week following. For which they are infeft in two merks from the lands of Petmukstoun, and one merk from the land of the late William Blinsel in the Gallowgate; as they shall be answerable.[2]

The venerable Mr. Symon Doddis, Parson of Inuernochty, founded a requiem mass to be celebrated every Monday at the Altar of S. Andrew the Apostle for the soul of a noble and illustrious lord, the late John Steuarte, Earl of Mar and Gereauche, and after the decease of the same Mr. Symon for the salvation of his own soul and the said Earl's. For which mass, to go on to all time coming, the chaplains of the college are infeft in twenty-two shillings annually from a certain land of the late John Anderson's near the land of Gilbert Mureson; as they shall answer.[3]

A man discreet and devout towards God, Mr. Thomas Muresone,

[1] This reveals to us the purpose for which these tables were set: as Abel, "being dead yet speaketh," so the pious founder being dead yet gave of his goods to the poor, that they might be warmed and filled; and his alms would go up with the sacrifice of Christ and the prayers as a memorial for him before God (Acts x. 4). Customs somewhat similar prevail in the Greek Church to the present day: the table may be seen with the bread, etc. For the gift of a piece of flesh, see David's gifts, 2 Sam. vi. 19.

[2] See *Antiq. Aberd. and Banff*, iii. pp. 184-192.

[3] See Appendix I., C, 4, 9.

Vicar of Premeth, founded a requiem mass to be celebrated every Monday at the Altar of the Holy Blood for the salvation of his own soul and the soul of the late Andrew Leslie. For which mass, to last to all time coming, the chaplains of the college are infeft in twenty shillings a year from the land of Alexander Nachty lying in the Upperkirkgate; as they shall be answerable.

The obit of Sir Dauid Waus, Vicar of Banff . . . whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually at the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene in the form following, viz.: On the Sunday after the Feast of S. Nicholas (Dec. 6) for the souls of the parents of the said Sir Vicar, and Andrew (the son) of Alan, and Cristina Cadiow, his spouse, the office of the dead to be celebrated on the Saturday preceding, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with a sung mass on the Sunday and a trenthal throughout the week, as the custom is. And after the decease of the said Sir Vicar, there shall be celebrated, for the salvation of his soul and the souls aforesaid, the anniversary above-mentioned, viz.: On the Saturday next after (the day of his decease) the office of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, and a sung mass on the Sunday following, and a trenthal throughout the week at the said altar. For which the chaplains are infeft in twenty shillings from the land of John Menzeis in the Shiprow; and the collector shall find lights, and pay the sacrist for tolling the bells, etc.; as they shall be answerable.

The obit of the late William Cantuly on the Eighteenth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Trinity, who died on a like day, October, 1478; whose anniversary, and that of Marjory Cantuly, his wife, the chaplains of the college shall celebrate at the Altar of S. Stephen the Martyr on the same Sunday yearly with a sung mass, and trenthal of masses throughout the [preceding][1] week, the office of the dead only with *Placebo* and *Dirige* being celebrated on the Saturday preceding, as the custom is. For which the chaplains are infeft in twelve shillings from the land of the late William Cantuly in the Gallowgate, and in six shillings and four pence from Quhitis' land in the Shiprow, now in the hands of Alexander Chamer of Murthill; as they shall wish to answer.

[1] On the margin of the *Chartulary* this is deleted, and "following" inserted.

A venerable, learned, and circumspect man, Mr. Andrew Lyall,[1] Treasurer of Aberdon and Official of the same, in honour of Almighty God, etc., founded one mass to be celebrated daily at the Altar of our glorious patron, S. Nicholas . . . for which mass, to last and be celebrated in time to come, the chaplains of the said college are infeft in the fishings of one half net at the Fords of the Water of Dee, and in forty shillings from the lands of Auchqnyok and Carnabow lying in the barony of Fyndon, in the county of Kincardyn, and heired contingently by William Kyntor; as they shall be answerable.

An honourable man, Robert Blinsele, late Provost of the burgh of Abirdene, founded a lamp to remain burning in winter in all time coming, for the health of his soul, and the souls of his parents, predecessors, successors, and all the faithful dead, at the Altar of the most Blessed Virgin Mary within the Parish Church of our glorious patron, S. Nicholas of Aberdene, for the maintaining of which lamp the oft-mentioned Robert infeft the chaplain of the foresaid altar in an annual rent of two shillings from the land of Thomas Gladstane in the Grene, between the land of William Andersone on the south and the public king's highways on the east and west.

The obit of a late venerable man, Sir Andrew (the son) of Henry, formerly chaplain of the Altar of S. Leonard in the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, shall be always the Tuesday immediately following the Feast of Pentecost; he died on the third day of . . . 1503. Which obit shall be celebrated yearly in the foresaid church before the said Altar of S. Leonard, with a sung mass and trenthal throughout the week following, by the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of Aberdene. For which anniversary the said chaplains are infeft in thirteen shillings and three pence from the land of the late Andrew (the son) of Henry, now belonging to the heirs of Andrew Burnat, near Darnatis Gable.

An honest man, John Steuarte, burgess of Abirdene, founded a mass once a week, every sixth day, Friday, in all time coming, to be celebrated for the health of his soul and the souls of his wife, parents, benefactors, and all the faithful dead at the Altar of S. James within

[1] He died 3rd Dec., 1503 (*Registrum Aberdonense*, ii. 221).

the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene. For the celebrating of which mass the vicar and chaplains of the said college are infeft in one annual rent of seventeen shillings and four pence from the land of the said John lying in the Gallowgate on the east side thereof outside the gate,[1] between the land of the late Duncan Lundoris on the south, and the land of the late William Adamsone on the north. To whose soul may God be gracious. Only there is reserved the free tenure of the same to the said John for the term of his life, and meanwhile no benefit can be got from it.

A venerable man, Sir Dauid Waus, Vicar of Banff, left to the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene and the chaplains of the college of the same a coverlet, "the arrass bede," for covering the monuments and tables of the late Andrew (the son) of Alan of good memory, Provost of this burgh, of Cristina Cadiow, his wife, and (for covering) his own table, and all other tables of the chaplains or others whomsoever within the said church at the time of observing their obits or anniversaries; with this condition, that no one shall take it away from the foresaid church under pain of anathema or fine.[2] Done and subscribed with his own hand. Moreover, he ordered, placed, and deposited the same coverlet in the sure keeping of a discreet man, Sir John Strathachin, for his time, and after his decease, or retirement from personal residence at the said church, the same to another fit chaplain to be chosen out of the college by the chapter and college aforesaid, to remain for ever within the said church.

And I, Sir Dauid Waus, Vicar of Banf, approve the foresaid; witness my own hand.

The obits of the late venerable men of good memory, Sir Dauid Waus, Vicar of Banf, and Mr. Thomas Waus, Precentor of Moray; whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly at the Altar of S. Martin within the Church of S. Nicholas on the Sunday next after the last day of April (as follows), viz.: By singing a sung mass, with trenthal

[1] The gate at the outer end of the Gallowgate.

[2] *Lata*—"The word is generally used of the fine imposed on a debtor who has not paid up by the appointed day". It shows how a too frequent and trivial use had degraded the solemn anathema of the Church, that it has the alternative of a fine!

throughout the week following, as the custom is. And the perpetual chaplain of the foundation of the said Mr. Thomas shall find lights, etc. For which the chaplains are infeft in an annual rent of thirteen shillings and four pence from the land of Andrew Nachty in the Upperkirkgate of the said burgh.

The obits of the late Duncan Clat of good memory, and of Ellen, his spouse; whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly at the Altar of S. Michael on Sunday in Passion (week) (5th Sunday in Lent) with sung mass and trenthal throughout the week, as the custom is. For which the chaplains are infeft in twenty shillings from his own land in the Upperkirkgate.

The obits of the late John Knollis[1] of good memory, burgess of Abirdene, and Marjory Bigone, his spouse, on the night of the Conversion of S. Paul (Jan. 25), 1492; whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly at the Altar of S. John Baptist within the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, in manner, form, and effect as follows, by the vicar and chaplains of the said college, viz.: The offices of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday next after the Feast of the Conversion of S. Paul, a sung mass on the Sunday following, and a trenthal throughout the week, as the custom is. Moreover, the said vicars and chaplains shall find annually the lights for the said anniversary; they shall place the accustomed table on the monument, and cover it with a decent pall. For which they are infeft in an annual rent of sixteen shillings and eight pence from the ground of Duncan Talzour's land in the Gallowgate, and an annual rent of ten shillings from John Lundoris' land in the same street.

The obit of the late Thomas Prat of good memory, burgess of the burgh of Aberdene, was on the last day of September, 1500; whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually at the Altar of S. George the Martyr and S. Thomas the Apostle, situated within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, by the curate and chaplains of the same in

[1] A family of the same name, which, curiously enough, is given also as Knox, possessed in 1571-85 the property in the Guestrow, afterwards the town house of the Skenes, and now (1891) the Victoria lodging-house.

mode and form following: The office of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday next following, and a sung mass on the next Sunday, with a trenthal of masses throughout the week following, as the custom is. Then, the curate and chaplains shall celebrate, for the health of his soul, and the souls of Marjory Ratre, his first wife, and of Annabella Gordon, his present wife, after her decease, and for all the faithful dead. Moreover, their collector for the time being shall place a table upon his monument, cover it with a comely pall, place the candlesticks, and find sufficient lights; to the sacrist of the said church he shall pay two shillings annually, for which he shall toll the church bells[1] three times at the said office, and so at the sung masses; he shall cause the crier to perambulate the whole town yearly, and pay to him two pence. For which they are infeft in an annual rent of twenty shillings from the ground of James Collisone's land in the Upperkirkgate, on the north side thereof, between the land of the late John Scroggis on the east, and the land of Henry Red on the west; and in another annual rent of four pence from the land of John Grig, in the Gallowgate, on the east side of the street, between the land of the late Richard Cullane on the south, and the land of the late Gilbert Leitht on the north. And the said sacrist shall toll the church bells yearly at mid-day before the celebration of the office. Be it noted that the collector of the said chaplains annually receives the said two annual rents of twenty-three shillings in advance of the terms of Martinmas and Whitsunday, so that he may pay this anniversary. And he is bound to pay the curate and chaplains each his own share, as the custom is, immediately after the celebration, without further delay, and thereafter the sacrist and crier for their trouble, as above.

The obits of the late honest man John Crommy and Christina Meldrum his wife, whose anniversary is celebrated yearly at the Altar of S. Nicholas on the Sunday next after the Conversion of S. Paul the Apostle (Jan. 25) by the chaplains of the college of S. Nicholas of the said burgh, viz., with *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the Saturday, and a sung mass on the morrow, with trenthal throughout the week following, as the custom is. And the collector of the said chaplains for the time

[1] *Campanas ecclesiasticas.* Their successors are now spoken of as the Town's bells.

being shall place a table on the monument and find lights. For which the said chaplains are infeft in an annual rent of twenty-four shillings from all and whole that inner and outer land of the said late John lying within the said burgh in the Gallowgate on the west side thereof, between the land of the late John Mylne on the north, and the land of the chaplains of the college of the Cathedral of Aberdeen on the south, and the public ways on the east and west.

The obits of the late Margaret Waus and John Menzeis of good memory, whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly at the Altar of S. Sebastian on the first day of January for ever, with the office of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the preceding night, sung by the curate and chaplains of the college of Abirdeen, with a sung mass and trenthal of masses throughout the week following for the souls of the said John and Margaret, their parents, benefactors, and all the faithful dead. Moreover, the said chaplains shall annually place the accustomed table, covered, on their monument, find the accustomed lights, and perform all other things requisite for anniversaries of this kind as the custom is, etc. For which they are infeft in one annual rent of twenty shillings, Scots, from the land of Alexander Menzeis lying in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof, between the land of John Ruyerfurde on the east and the land of the late James Leslie and Dauid Menzeis on the west, etc. The obit of the said Margaret was on 1st January, 1495.

The seventh day of February, 1471, the masters, sirs, and chaplains underwritten, viz.: Duncan Scherar, William Wocat, Alexander Vocat, Alexander Scherar, Robert Leys, and Andrew (son) of Thomas, are obliged in turn, so soon as it shall have come to the knowledge of any of them that one of their number hath died, to celebrate as speedily as possible, or cause to be celebrated, xxx masses at the instinct of charity and brotherliness for the soul of the departed. And each shall pray for the standing (in grace) of the others as long as they live.

On the last day of January, 1490, these venerable men, viz.: Mr. Duncan Scherar, Canon of Abirdeen; Mr. Andrew Bisset, Vicar of

Inverovry; Sir Dauid Waus, Vicar of Banff; Mr. Alexander Fyff, Sir John Strathauchtin, Sir William Muresone, Sir Andrew Chamer, Sir Andrew (son) of Thomas, Sir John Blak, and Sir William Falconer, chaplains, are bound in turn as above.

The obits of the late Agnes Fechat and Dauid Collisoun of good memory, whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly at the Altar of S. Michael the Archangel, on the Sunday next after the Feast of the said S. Michael (September 29) for ever, with a sung requiem mass and trenthal throughout the week following for the souls of the said Agnes and Dauid, their parents, benefactors, and all the faithful dead. Moreover, the chaplains of the said Church of S. Nicholas shall yearly place the accustomed table, covered, on their monument, find lights, and perform all other things requisite for anniversaries of this kind, as the custom is. For which they are infeft in one annual rent of ten shillings, Scots: from the land of the late Dauid Fynne in Futy, which once was Alexander Tailzeour's, nine shillings; and twelve pence from the land of Andrew Vmfray in the Gallowgate.

The obit of the late Sir Alexander Vocat of good memory, chaplain of the Altars of S. John the Baptist and S. Ninian, Confessor, whose anniversary shall be celebrated at the said Altar of S. John the Baptist yearly for ever on the second Sunday after Easter, with a sung mass and trenthal throughout the week following for the soul of the said late Sir Alexander. Moreover, the chaplains of the College of S. Nicholas shall place the usual table on the monument, find lights, and perform all other things incumbent for an anniversary of this kind. For which the said chaplains are infeft in an annual rent of ten shillings from the lands following, viz.: From the land once Walter Thomsone's in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, five shillings; from James Collistoun's land, which once was James Robertsone's, on the same side of the said street, forty pence; and from John Collisoun's land, where John Malisone lives, on the same side of the said street, twenty pence.

The obits of the late Philip Dunbrek and Agnes Duncansone, his spouse, whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually at the Altar of

S. Martin on the Sunday immediately after the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel, with a sung mass and trenthal of masses throughout the week following, by the chaplains of the college of Abirdeen for the souls of the said Philip and Agnes, their parents, and all the faithful dead. For which the said chaplains are infeft in an annual rent of ten shillings from the land of the late Lawrence Thomsone in the Netherkirkgate, on the south side thereof, between the land of the late George Bisset on the east, and a waste land . . . on the west, and the foreland of S. Ann, the Mother of Mary, on the north.[1]

The obit of the late Marjory Fechat of good memory, wife of the late John Huchosone, butcher, burgess of Abirdene, whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually at the Altar of S. Michael the Archangel, on the twentieth day of November for ever, with a sung requiem mass and trenthal throughout the week following, for the souls of the said Marjory and John. Moreover, the collector of the chaplains for the time being shall place the usual table upon the monument, find lights, and perform all things necessary for anniversaries of this kind. For which the said chaplains are infeft in an annual rent of thirteen shillings and fourpence, Scots, from the land of Alexander (son) of Matthew in the Gallowgate of the said burgh, on the west side thereof, between the land of Walter Wod on the north, and the land of the late Christin[2] Litster on the south, the king's highway on the east, and the loch of the said burgh on the west.

To all who shall see or hear this charter John Wormet, burgess of the burgh of Abirdenn, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Since we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive whether good or evil according as in this world we have deserved, therefore is it expedient to prevent the day of final judgment with works of mercy, so that in heaven we may reap with multiplied fruit the things which we have sown on earth; therefore know that I, in honour of Almighty God, of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, and of

[1] There is a marginal note as follows: Produced 20th January, 1533, in mode of proof in the case of the chaplains of S. Nicholas against James Mar, and admitted (*recognitum*) by William Rolland and Mr. Thomas Annand from the oath of Arthur Hay.

[2] *Christinus*, a man's name—probably Christian.

all saints, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of Isabella Crichtoun, my present wife, of the late Annabella Kintor, my first wife, of our children, parents, benefactors, those of whom with too scant justice I got any good thing, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the said burgh all and whole that croft or land of mine with its pertinents lying within the said burgh in the croft-lands of Futy, between the land of the late William Cryne on the south, the land of the Carmelite Friars of the same burgh on the north; extending on one side to the king's highway on the west, (and) to "The Cuttingis" on the east . . . the said curate and chaplains . . . celebrating annually at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist within the said church an anniversary for the salvation of my soul and the souls aforesaid, viz., the office of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday after the Assumption of the most Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) following, and singing on the Sunday thereafter a sung mass, with private masses throughout the week following. Moreover, the chaplains' collector shall cause the crier of the said burgh to go round the burgh calling (men) to prayer for the salvation of my soul and the souls aforesaid; he shall place a table on the monument, cover it with a decent pall, find lights, and all things customary in such anniversaries. . . . In testimony whereof my seal is appended to this charter, and the seal of an honourable man, John Rattre, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of the said croft. At Abirdenn, the last day of July, 1506, before men prudent and of good repute: Mr. Dauid Menzeis, William Wormet, Sir Walter Blair, Alexander Blair, Sir William Muresoun, Curate of Abirdenn; William Scrimgeour, sergeant; and Sir John Stirueling, notary-public.

The obit of the late Alexander Menzes of good memory; Elizabeth Leslie, his spouse; Gilbert Menzes, his grandfather; and Andrew, his father, shall be celebrated annually by the chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdeen on the Feast of All Saints (1st November) at the Altar of S. Sebastian the Martyr, with the office of the dead, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the vigil of the said feast, a sung mass sung on the day, and a trenthal throughout the week, as the custom is. And the collector for the time being shall place a table on the

monument decently covered, as the custom is, and find wax lights at the expense of the chaplains. For which they are infeft in twenty shillings from a certain croft now pertaining to Andrew Murray, senior.

The obit of the late Andrew Branch of good memory and his spouse shall be celebrated yearly by the chaplains of the college of S. Nycholas of Abirdene on the Sunday immediately before the Ascension of our Lord at the Altar of S. Sebastian the Martyr, with sung mass and trenthal throughout the week following, for which the said chaplains are infeft in ten shillings, viz.: from the land formerly Walter Marn's six and eight pence, and from Matthew Branch's land forty pence.

CIX.

Foundation of a Lamp by Provost Alexander Menzes. 24th September, 1498.[1] *(Translation.)*

An honourable man, Sir Alexander Menzes, then Provost of the burgh of Abirden, on the 24th day of September, 1498, after the act of the Dedication of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of this burgh, solemnly celebrated by the reverend father in Christ and lord, the Lord William, by Divine mercy Bishop of Aberdeen, enriched the said church by founding, in honour of Almighty God, the Glorious Virgin Mary, S. Nicholas, our patron, and the whole heavenly court, a lamp hanging at the High Altar before the venerable Sacrament, to remain in all time coming, burning night and day for his soul and the souls of his parents, predecessors, and successors, as is contained at greater length in the deed of foundation. For the maintaining of which lamp the foresaid Alexander infeft the chaplain of the Altar of S. Sebastian the Martyr, and his successors in an annual rent of three pounds, from the lands of

[1] The charter of the foundation of this lamp is written before, on the thirtieth leaf of this book. (*Note in Chartulary.*) See No. XLII. That charter, however, does not contain the interesting note of the *occasion* of the gift, the Dedication of the enlarged Church. In the charter Menzeis, here called Provost, is styled Alderman of Aberdeen.

Balmady, as is contained fully more in the charters drawn up thereon, confirmed by the superior,[1] and mortified by our Sovereign Lord the King. And may his soul rest in peace. Amen.

CX.

Foundation of a Requiem Mass at the Altar of S. Mary for Sir William Elphinstone, Parson of Clat. (Translation.)

A VENERABLE man, Sir William Elphinstone, Parson of Clat, founded a requiem mass to be celebrated at the Altar of the glorious Virgin Mary every Monday in all time coming, for the salvation of his soul, and the souls of his parents, benefactors, and all the faithful departed. For which the chaplains of the choir of S. Nicholas of the said burgh are infeft in an annual rent of twenty shillings from an outer land[2] of the late Andrew Ackin's lying in the angle of the Shiprow as it goes up to the Castle Street, between the land of Gilbert Waus of Many on the east, the public king's highway on the west, the land of the Altar of SS. George the Martyr and Thomas the Apostle on the north, and the common king's highway on the south.[3]

CXI.

Disposal of Land to John Simsoun by the Curate and Chaplains. 7th January, 150$\frac{5}{6}$. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of the burgh of Abirdenn (wish) eternal health in the Lord. Know that we, with the assent and consent of Christina Meldrum, widow, having pre-tenancy of the land underwritten, have feued . . . to our beloved John Simsoun all and whole that outer land of ours, with its pertinents, entirely waste and uninhabited,

[1] Alexander, Earl of Buchan.

[2] Gilbert Chryste's land. This xxs. it payes, and vjs. viij*d*. mair. (*Note in the Chartulary*, in a different hand from the deed.)

[3] So in the *Chartulary*, but there seems to be a misplacement of *north* and *south*.

lying within the said burgh in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, between the land of the chaplains of the Cathedral of Abirdeen on the south, and the land of the late John Myln on the north, the public king's highway on the east, and the inner land of the said tenement on the west . . . the said John paying annually to the said Cristina during the term of her life an annual rent of eight shillings, Scots . . . and after her decease the same annual rent to us and our successors, to be paid half-yearly. . . . Reserving, however, free ingress to, and egress from, the said inner tenement through the front entry. . . . Moreover, know that we have obliged ourselves by those presents . . . to preserve the said inner land and the inhabitants thereof exempt . . . from all other annual rents for ever. . . . In testimony whereof our common seal, and the seal of an honourable man, John Rattre, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of the said land, are appended at Abirdenn, 7th January, 1505, before witnesses of prudence and repute: John Cullan, James Colisoun, Duncan Colisoun, Henry Reid, William King, burgesses; John Cuk, sergeant; and John Stirueling, notary-public.

CXII.

Charter of John Mair,[1] *founding an Anniversary at the Altar of S. Mary. 26th March,* 1538. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, John Mair, senior, burgess of Abirdene, (wisheth) eternal health. . . . Therefore know that I, in honour of Almighty God, of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the saints of the heavenly court, for the salvation of my soul, of the souls of Margaret Moir my wife, of our children, parents, and benefactors, of all from whom we have received any good things with too scant justice, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . to the chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene all and whole my annual rents, viz.: One annual rent of mine of twenty

[1] He seems to have been the Founder also of an *Altar* of S. Mary, which is described as having been founded for his soul and the souls herein mentioned.

shillings, Scots, due from a burgage land, with its pertinents, lying on the south side of the Shiprow of the said burgh, between the land of the late John Blak on the east and the land of the community of the burgh of Abirdene on the west, the public king's highway on the north, and the Trinity Burn on the south. Also one annual rent of mine of eight shillings, Scots, from the burgage land lying on the west side of the Gallowgate of the said burgh, between the land of William Mathow on the north, the land of the late William Mill on the south, and the public king's highways on the east and west . . . to be held . . . by the said chaplains and their successors of the chapter of the said choir. . . . The said chaplains shall celebrate yearly for ever an anniversary as follows: The office of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Saturday immediately before the second Sunday in Lent during the term of my life, and after my decease on the day of my departure, and a sung mass on the Sunday immediately following, with a trenthal of masses throughout the week thereafter as the custom is, at the Altar of the most Blessed Virgin Mary within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirden, founded for the salvation of my soul and the souls aforesaid. Moreover, the collector shall distribute the foresaid annual rents as follows: To the crier with the handbell going round the said town on the night of the office to invite the people to pray for the salvation of the souls aforesaid, two pence; and to the sacrist, for tolling the bells of the said church three times at the office on the said Saturday, and likewise at the mass on the Sunday following, fourteen pence. Likewise the said collector for the time being shall place a comely table on my monument, and cover the same with a decent pall or coverlet, he shall find wax lights, in a respectable fashion as is fit, for which he shall take to himself two shillings. And annually on the day of the office he shall set apart four shillings to the more needy poor. And the rest of this anniversary—viz., twenty shillings and eight pence—he shall distribute and pay into the hands of the said chaplains for the foresaid duties on the day of the office. And all this yearly for ever. . . . Dauid Andersoun, one of the baillies of the said burgh and giver of sasine hereon, at Abirdene, 26th March, 1538, before men prudent and discreet: Sir Robert Spark, Andrew Waus, chaplains; William Paul; Alexander Key, sergeant; and Mr. John Nicholsoun, notary-public, with divers others.

CXIII.

Sale of Land by the Curate and Chaplains. 20th July, 1507. (Abstract.)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of the burgh of Abirdenn (wish) eternal health in the Lord. Know that we have given . . . in feu . . . to John Watson, burgess, our land lying within the said burgh in the Gallowgate, on the west side thereof, between the land of the chaplains of the Cathedral of Abirdeen on the south, and the land of John Mylne on the north, the public king's highway on the west, and John Symsone's land on the east . . . to be held by the said John and Elizabetht Hay, his wife, and the longer liver of those, in joint feu, and . . . to his heirs and assigns whatsoever . . . the said John and Elizabeth, his wife . . . paying to us and our successors an annual rent of sixtcen shillings, and to the heirs of the late John, the son of Stephen, or his assigns, an annual rent of five shillings and four pence, and to the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Lawrence the Martyr founded within the said Parish Church an annual rent of six shillings and eight pence, and to the perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Peter, founded within the same by the late Vicar of Inuerrugy[1] of good memory, one annual rent of six shillings, Scots,[2] payable half-yearly. . . . With this condition, that they shall keep up the said land in a sufficient manner in roof, walls, and other necessaries, and preserve it distrainable for payment of the above annual rent; and if they fail in such upkeep and repair as shall seem sufficient at the sight or inspection of us or our successors by the space of forty days after they, or its possessor, shall have been warned by us or our successors. . . . In testimony whereof, our common seal, and the seal of an honourable man, John Colisone, one of the baillies of the said burgh and giver of sasine hereon, are appended at Abirdene, 20th July, 1507, before witnesses of honour and repute: Andrew Cullan, Provost; Robert

[1] Perhaps Archdeacon Lawrence Pyot (*cf.* XXXV.). The altar was further endowed in 145^{4}_{5}, by Thomas Blinseill, burgess of Aberdeen, and by the munificent Duncan Scherar, Parson of Clatt (*cf.* Nos. XXVII., XXXV., and LXII.).

[2] xvi*s.*, v*s.* iiij*d.*, vj*s.* viij*d.*, vj*s.*, all sett in few to Androw Jack, now pertaining to Jon Robertson, Chapeltoun, for xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, because ye same land was Wast in a Lathcraye in use of payment of ye sindry merks. (*Note in the Chartulary.*)

Hill, Mr. Gavin Leslie, Sir John Reid, John Litster, and Mr. Robert Mason, chaplains; Patrick Adamsone, (and) John Glassinwricht, burgesses; Andrew Nauchtj and John Cuk, sergeants; and Sir John Stirueling, notary-public.

CXIV.

Charter of Four Shillings from the land of William Gareauch lying in the Gallowgate, and given by Robert Blinseill to the Altar of S. Ninian, within the Parish Church of Aberden. 21st *October,* 1495. (*Abstract.*)

To all . . . Robert Blinseill, burgess of Abirdene, . . . in honour of Almighty God, the glorious Virgin Mary, SS. Lawrence and Ninian, and all saints . . . for the salvation of the souls of the late Henry Leitht, his parents, and those named in his foundation . . . has given . . . to Sir John Leithe, perpetual chaplain . . . at the Altar of SS. Lawrence and Ninian, . . . an annual rent of four shillings, Scots, . . . from the land of William Gareauch on the east side of the Gallowgate, between John Duncanson's land on the south, and the late John Mathesoun's land on the north . . . in full payment of an annual rent of four shillings due to the said chaplaincy, as it is asserted, from my land on the east side of the Gallowgate, between Alexander Logy's on the north, and the king's highways on the east and south. Attested, 21st October, 1495, by the seal of Andrew Cullan, senior, one of the baillies, before witnesses: Forsy Dauesone, James Kennerty, junior, Thomas Hatmaker, John Fechat, burgesses; Andrew Nauchty, sergeant; and Sir John Stirueling, notary-public, etc.

CXV.

The Foundation of Margarete Craufurd of an anniversary for Alexander Reid of Pitfoddels. (*Large Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Margaret Craufurd, the relict of the late Alexander Rede[1] of Petfodellis, (wisheth) eternal health

[1] This was the Provost Reid whose portrait in the session-house of S. Nicholas gave such offence to the Cromwellians, and on their representation was removed as "smelling of poperie".

in the Lord. Whereas we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive according as we have done in the body whether it be good or whether it be evil, therefore it is expedient to prevent with works of mercy the day of final judgment, so that we may reap in heaven with multiplied fruit the things which we have sown on earth. Therefore, know that I, for the salvation of my soul, and the soul of the late Alexander Rede of Petfodellis, our parents, benefactors, and those from whom we received any good things with too scant justice, and of all the faithful departed, in honour of Almighty God, the most Blessed Virgin Mary, S. Nicholas, S. Christopher the Martyr, and all the celestial citizens, have given . . . to discreet and learned men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of the said burgh, all and whole my annual rent of twenty shillings, Scots, recovered of my own gains, payable from the sale of that whole and entire inner land of Dauid Theman's, goldsmith, burgess of the said burgh, lying within the same in the Castle Street, on the south side thereof, between the lands of Richard Vricht, William Rolland, and the late John Sanclare[1] on the east, and the land of the late John Vormet on the west, (and) the land of Thomas Vauss on the north, extending in length to the Trinity Burn on the south, to be held . . . by the said curate and chaplains of the said choir from me and my heirs in pure and perpetual alms. . . . For which annual rent the said curate and chaplains and their successors shall annually celebrate and sing an anniversary at the Altar of S. Christopher the Martyr, situated within the same church, viz., the office of the dead on the first Saturday of March, and a sung mass on the Sunday following, with a trenthal of other masses, as the custom is, throughout the week during my lifetime, for the soul of the said late Alexander Rede, the souls of my parents, and of all the faithful departed. Moreover, the collector of the same chaplains for the time being shall send the crier through the whole town with the smaller bell on the day of the said office to incite the people to pray for the salvation of the souls aforesaid; he shall place and set a table on the monument (of) the aforesaid, and cover it with a pall or decent covering, find wax lights, adding the prayers that are usual in such anniversaries, and causing the

[1] The spelling is intermediate between Saint Clare and the usual modern form, Sinclair.

sacristan to toll the customary bells of the said church three times at the office and three times at the great mass, as the custom is, and paying for the said anniversary at the time of the celebration of the office, the sung mass, and the other masses the said sum to the curate and chaplains aforesaid. And after my decease the said curates and chaplains, on the day of my departure, annually, every year in all time coming, shall sing and celebrate one sung mass at the altar before which I happen to be buried, with a trenthal of other masses throughout the week following, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my parents, benefactors, and those from whom I received any good thing with too scant justice, and all the faithful departed. And they shall sing and celebrate the other mass at the foresaid Altar of S. Christopher the Martyr, on the foresaid Sunday after the departure of the said Alexander Rede for the salvation of his soul, and the souls of his parents, benefactors, all from whom he received any good things with too scant justice, and all the faithful departed. . . . In testimony whereof my seal and the seal of an honourable man, Dauid Mare, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and giver of sasine of the said annual rent to Sir William Couper, collector and procurator in name of the said chaplains, are appended at the said burgh, 8th June, 1508, before men of honour and repute: James Collisoun, Alexander Gray, Charles Stewinson, burgesses; Sirs John Reide, (and) Dauide Liell, chaplains; Norman Leslie, sergeant; and Sir John Stirueling, notary-public.

CXVI.

The Rental and Addition of Obits and Anniversaries assigned to the Curate and Chaplains of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene by the late noble, prudent, reputable, and discreet men of good memory here following. $150\frac{6}{7}$. (*Translation.*)

THE obit of the late Alexander Reid of Petfodellis of good memory, sometime provost of this burgh, who died the next to the last day of February in the year 1506, and of Margaret Craufurd, his spouse, founded by the said Margaret after the death of the same Alexander. The anniversary of these two shall be celebrated annually at the Altar of S. Christopher on the Sunday after the 1st of March, with *Placebo* and

Dirige on the Saturday preceding, a sung mass on the Sunday, and trenthal of masses throughout the week by the curate and chaplains of the same college. And the collector of the said chaplains for the time being shall cause the crier with the smaller bell to go round the whole town on the said Saturday (calling) to prayer for the foresaid souls; shall place a table on their monument, cover the same with a decent pall, and find wax lights. And the sacristan shall cause toll (the bells) of the said burgh thrice at the office and thrice at the sung requiem mass, as the use is. Moreover, the said curate and chaplains shall sing and celebrate another sung mass with another trenthal of masses after the decease of the said Margaret at the altar where she happens to be buried, as is contained at more length on the preceding leaf. For which the said curate and chaplains are infeft in an annual rent of twenty shillings from the land of Dauid Theman, goldsmith in the Castle Street.

The obit of the late John Wormet of good memory, and Isabella Crichtone, his second wife, and Annabella Kintor, his former wife, whose anniversary shall be celebrated annually by the curate and chaplains of the college of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the said burgh at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist, in the manner following, viz.: The office of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the Saturday after the Feast of the Assumption of the glorious Virgin Mary, a sung mass on the morrow, with other private masses throughout the week. And the collector of the chaplains shall cause the crier, with the smaller bell, to go through the whole town on the said Saturday, so that the people may be incited to pray for the souls aforesaid; he shall place a table on the monument, and find lights only. For which anniversary they are infeft in a croft lying in the croftlands of Futy, as is contained in the charter on the fifth leaf preceding.

The obit of a man, good and of good repute, Alexander Gray, and Elizabeth Hay, his wife, whose anniversary shall be annually celebrated by the curate and chaplains of the college at the Altar of S. Barbara the Virgin, lately founded by the said Alexander, in the manner following: The office of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, on the Eve of S. Ninian, and a sung mass on S. Ninian's Day (September 16), with a

trenthal of other masses throughout the week. And the collector of the said chaplains for the time being shall cause the crier of the said burgh to go round the whole burgh with the handbell (calling) to prayer for the souls aforesaid. And the sacristan of the foresaid church shall cause the usual bells to be tolled three times at the office and three times at the sung mass, as the custom is, as is contained more fully in the foundation of the said Alexander in a preceding part of this register.[1] For which they are infeft in twenty shillings from lands named in the said charter. And the collector shall pay the said sum to the chaplains present at the said anniversary, and to no other.

The obit of the late Andrew Murray, senior, of good memory, and of . . . [2] his wife, whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly on the first Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost[3] at the Altar of S. Salvator founded by the said Andrew, in manner following, viz.: The office of the dead on the Saturday preceding, and a sung mass on the morrow, with trenthal throughout the week for the souls of the aforesaid. And the collector shall place a table on the monument, and cover it with a seemly pall, and find wax lights; and he shall cause the sacristan to toll the usual bells, and the crier to go round the whole town with the handbell, so that the people may be incited to pray for the souls aforesaid. For which they are infeft in an annual rent of twenty-four shillings from half a net at the Fords (of Dee), as is contained more fully in his foundation in the chest in the porch.

The obit of a venerable man, Sir John Waus, and Dauid Waus, his brother-german, whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly on Quinquagesima Sunday at the Altar of S. Martin in manner following, viz.: The office of the dead shall be celebrated on the Saturday preceding, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, and a sung mass on the morrow, with a trenthal of masses throughout the week following, for the salvation of the souls aforesaid during the life of the said Sir John, and after his decease on the Sunday following (the date thereof) as aforesaid. And the collector for the time being shall place a comely table on the monument, and cover it with a comely pall, and find lights and wax, as the custom is,

[1] See No. LXI. p. 97. [2] The space for the lady's name is blank in the *Chartulary*.
[3] Trinity Sunday.

and cause the sacrist solemnly to toll the usual bells, for which fourteen pence are founded; and the crier, with the handbell, to go round the whole burgh, that the people may be incited to pray for the souls aforesaid, for which two pence are founded. Twenty-two shillings are infeft to (*sic*) to the vicar, curate, and chaplains of the college from fields or roods of land at Inrury, and from the houses (of) Cromy now the chaplains', as is contained more fully in the charter. And the said Sir John wisheth always that distribution be made to those present only, and nothing to the absent, as they wish to answer in the day of judgment before the most high Judge.

The obit of a venerable man, Mr. Robert Maissoun, shall be celebrated on the 18th of March, 152^3_4, in manner following, viz.: The collector in office for the time being shall place a seat[1] with six lights, for which he shall have sixteen pence, and he shall pay the sacrist eight pence, and the town crier two pence. And the collector shall pay into the hands of the chaplains of the college, from the land of (the Altar of) S. Stephen, lying near that end of the Gallowgate by which you go round by the Shiprow to the public market-place, sixteen shillings and eight pence, in full payment of a sung requiem mass, and thirty-two masses throughout the week following, bought for ever by George Bissat, the executor of the said Mr. Robert.

CXVII.

The Foundation of Mr. John Baidenagh. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Mr. John Baidenagh, Vicar of Gammery, the son and heir of the late Patrick Baidenagh of good memory, burgess of Abirdene, (wisheth) eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, in honour of Almighty God, of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, of S. John the Baptist, and all the holy citizens above, for the salvation of my soul, of the souls of my father and mother, and for the salvation of the soul of the late Duncan Lowdon, and of all my friends, predecessors, and successors, and the souls of all God's faithful people departed, have given . . . in pure and perpetual alms to my beloved

[1] *Scabellum*, perhaps bench.

brethren, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the burgh of Aberdene, an annual rent of twenty-four shillings, Scots, due to me from the land of John Matelland, indweller of the said burgh, lying in the lower street of the said burgh by which you go to the Church of S. Nicholas (the Netherkirkgate) between the land of the late Andrew Murisoun on the east, and my own proper land next and contiguous to the said land of John Matelland going down to the burn that flows across it on the west, the common king's highway by which one goes down to the said burn on the north, and the land of Robert Kennerty on the south of the same land, to be held in pure alms . . . by the said curate and chaplains of the choir of the said Parish Church and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir for ever . . . for which the said curate and chaplains, and their successors for ever, are bound, as they shall be answerable before the great Judge, to celebrate every week so long as I live a Mass of the Commemoration of the most Blessed Virgin Mary at the Altar of S. John the Baptist, situated in the said Parish Church of S. Nicholas, with a collect for my prosperity and salvation so long as I live prosperous and safe among men; and after my death and migration from this world they shall be held (bound) to celebrate annually and for ever, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my father and mother, and all the persons aforesaid, at the said Altar of S. John Baptist, one anniversary, viz.: The office of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the Saturday before the Sunday next to and immediately preceding the solemnity and festival of All Saints (November 1), and shall cause to be sung on that Sunday a sung Mass of Eternal Rest, with private masses by the chaplains of the said choir throughout the week following. Moreover, the collector of the said chaplains for the time being shall cause the crier to go through and round the said burgh with the hand-bell, to signify to the people the said anniversary to be celebrated on the morrow, and shall place a table or settle (*sedile*) on the monument covered with a seemly decking (*ornatu*), with lights, wax and others, as has been the custom to be done in similar anniversaries. And the sacristan, as the manner is, shall cause toll (the bells) before they begin to sing the Mass of Eternal Rest, so that the faithful in Christ may convene the more readily through the tolling of the bells to pray for the salvation of my soul and the souls of all the faithful dead. . . . Moreover, know that I, for the salvation of

my soul, the souls of my father and mother, of Duncan Lowden, and all the faithful dead, have given . . . in pure alms . . . to the said curate and chaplains that land of mine lying in the Netherkirkgate of the said burgh, between the land of John Matelland, near it on the east, and the burn running down on the west, Robert Kennerty's land on the south, and the common king's highway going down to the said burgh on the north, to be held . . . by the foresaid curate and chaplains . . . the said curate and chaplains and their successors rendering to our Lord the King the service due and customary from the said land, and paying annually to the burgesses and community of the burgh of Aberdene six shillings and eight pence, Scots . . . and if there is any residue from the rents, fruits, income, or perquisites of the said land yearly, this the foresaid chaplains shall receive for their use and advantage for prayers and suffrages in behalf of my soul and the souls aforesaid to be made every year for ever. . . . In testimony whereof my seal, along with the seal of an honourable man, Thomas Waus, one of the baillies of Aberdene and giver of sasine of the foresaid annual rent and land to the venerable man, Sir David Waus, Master of the Hospital of S. Thomas the Martyr of Aberdene, the collector for the time being of the foresaid curate and chaplains, into whose hands he had lawfully resigned the said annual rents and land, is appended at Aberdene, 20th July, 1512, before these witnesses, men venerable and discreet: Mr. Edward Cunnynghame, parson of Cusny [1]; Mr. David Menzes, Mr. Thomas Chamour, Sir John Waus, Sir William Philpsoun, John Matelland, and Gilbert Prestoun, sergeant of the burgh of Aberdene, with divers other witnesses called to the acts aforesaid.

CXVIII.

The Obit of Mr. John Baidenagh. (Translation.)

THE obit of Mr. John Baidenagh, Vicar of Gamery, whose anniversary shall be celebrated yearly and for ever by the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of the burgh of Aberdene at the Altar of S. John the Baptist, situated in the said church, on the Sunday next to and immediately preceding the solemnity and

[1] Cushney, now united with Leochel, in the Presbytery of Alford.

festival of All Saints, in manner following, viz.: The office of the dead, with *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the Saturday preceding, and a sung mass on the Sunday itself, with other private masses throughout the week. And the collector of the chaplains shall cause the crier with the handbell to go through the whole burgh on the said Saturday, that the people may be incited to pray for the souls of the founders; he shall place a table or settle on the monument, and find lights, as is contained more fully in the preceding charter. For which anniversary to be celebrated for ever they are infeft in twenty-four shillings yearly, to be drawn from the land of John Matelland lying in the Netherkirkgate of Aberdene, as more fully expressed in the preceding charter.

CXIX.

Foundation of George Quhytte—Altar of S. John Baptist. 27th March, 1542. (Abstract.)[1]

In the Name of God, Amen. By this public instrument let it be evident to all that in the year of the Incarnation of our Lord, 1542, the 27th of March, the fifteenth indiction, the eighth year of the pontificate of the most holy father in Christ and lord, the Lord Paul III., by Divine providence Pope, there compeared personally before me, a notary-public, and the witnesses undernoted, an honest man, George Quhytte, burgess of Abirdene, (and) obliged himself by the faith he held, his heirs, executors, and assigns to the real and effectual payment to a discreet man, Sir Alexander Leslye, perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. John the Baptist, founded within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, one annual rent of sixteen shillings . . . from all and whole that land of his which formerly was John Durwart's, lying in the Netherkirkgate of the said burgh, on the south side thereof, between the land of Alexander Moyr, weaver, on the east, and the land of the late Duncan Gilruycht on the west, the public king's highway on the north, and the land of . . . on the south, which annual rent was owing of old to the said chaplaincy, and now a lawsuit is pending

[1] Produced before the provost and baillies of the burgh of Abirden, 9th August, 1601. (*Note in the Chartulary.*)

concerning it at the instance of the said George with the view of obtaining legal possession thereof; and for the settlement (*seditione*) of this lawsuit and controversy between the same, the said George has obliged himself as aforesaid to pay the same for ever to the chaplain of the said chaplaincy, and the said chaplain has obliged himself and his successors, the chaplains of the said chaplaincy, to pray and celebrate for the souls of the said George, his wife, parents, predecessors, children, and posterity for ever. Concerning all which the said chaplain prayed to have for himself this present public instrument from me, a notary-public. These things were done in the crypt of the holy (*divæ*) Virgin of Piety in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, within the burgh aforesaid, about eleven o'clock a.m., on the year, day, month, and pontificate aforesaid, there being present there John Brabner, Sirs John Wrycht and Walter Blair, chaplains, with divers other witnesses called thereto.

Attested by Dauid Nicholson, professor of arts and clerk of the community of Aberdene, and of the diocese thereof, being also notary-public, with apostolic authority, etc.

CXX.

Foundation of Mr. Robert Schand—Daily Mass at the Altar of S. Ann. 12th July, 1542. (*Large Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Mr. Robert Schand, Parson of the Parish Church of Alnais and Canon of Ross, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Calling it to mind that we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive according as we have done in the body, whether it be good or whether it be evil, good is it therefore that we should anticipate that day of final judgment by works of mercy, so that we may be able to reap in heaven with multiplied fruits that which (we have) dispersed[1] and sown in this world; whereas also we believe that by means of pious prayers and the suffrages of masses where the Son is offered for our sins to the Father, the pains of purgatory are destroyed, and the souls of the dead frequently liberated from them and placed amid the joys of paradise—know that I, having revolved these things in my mind and diligently considered them, in

[1] There is no doubt a reference to Psalm cxii. 9.

honour of Christ the Almighty (*cunctipotentis*), of the unspotted Virgin the Mother of God, of S. Ann, and all the saints associated in the company of heaven, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of Donald Schand my father and Margaret Forbes my mother, of Mr. Andrew Forman,[1] sometime Archbishop of S. Andrews, *legatus natus*, and also with the power and faculty of legate *a latere;* as well as of the souls of the Provost, baillies, and community of the burgh of Aberdene (if they take good heed to the observance of what is herein set forth, and cause it to be done), and not less of the souls of all my benefactors and those from whom I received with too scant justice any good things, and of all the faithful dead, have given, conceded, paid over, and by this my present charter have confirmed . . . to venerable and discreet men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, all and whole that sum of money of two hundred and forty merks, Scots, or in gold and silver, for the purpose of buying for, and appropriating to, the said chaplains and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir, one annual rent of twelve merks, Scots, . . . with which sum of two hundred and forty merks the said chaplains and their collector for the time being bought an annual rent of five merks from all and whole the lands of Waster Essintully[2] with the pertinents thereof lying within the shire of Kyncardin, formerly belonging to Andrew Murray, burgess of Abirdene; and another annual rent of seven merks from the lands of the late John Cowper lying contiguous in the Netherkirkgate of the said burgh on the east side thereof, between the public ways on the north, south, and east, and the land of Thomas Andirsoun on the west; extending in all to the said entire sum of twelve merks, as contained fully in the charters, instruments of sasine, and other evidents drawn up regarding them by (or for) the said chaplains. On which account the said curate and chaplains of the choir of the foresaid church and their successors shall, for the salvation of my soul and all the souls aforesaid, celebrate a mass at the Altar of S. Ann situated within the

[1] Andrew Forman, Bishop of Moray, 1501, Archbishop of S. Andrews, 1514-1522. In virtue of his office as Archbishop of S. Andrews, Forman was in his own province the Legate, or representative of the Papal Court (*legatus natus*): he was also *legatus a latere*—the representative sent from the Pope's side, with full commission as his representative in Scotland.

[2] In the parish of Maryculter.

foresaid Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, daily at eleven o'clock in the forenoon (the larger bell being first rung with eleven strokes, every day for ever) in manner following: Every Sunday, the Sunday mass, or the mass of whatever feast it may happen to be; on Monday, a requiem mass with this collect, "Have mercy, we beseech Thee, O Lord, on all the faithful dead . . ."; on Tuesday, a Mass of S. Ann (with the collect), "Stretch forth, O Lord, to Thy servant,"[1] and "Have mercy, we beseech Thee . . ."; on Wednesday, a Mass of the Holy Spirit, with the two prayers aforesaid, "Have mercy . . ." and "Stretch forth . . ."; on Thursday, a mass of the Body of Christ, with the same prayers; on Friday, a Mass of the Five Wounds of Christ, with the aforesaid prayers; and on Saturday, a Mass of S. Mary, with the aforesaid prayers, except it happen to be a double feast, in which case they shall celebrate (the mass) of that feast, retaining, however, the foresaid prayers.[2] And if it happen that any one of the said chaplains fail in his service when he should be the celebrant of this mass, then the collector for the time being shall take the twelve pence of the chaplain so failing, and shall give them

[1] The two prayers referred to are, no doubt, (1) the collect of the "Mass for Benefactors and the Soul's health of the Living":—

> "Pretende, Domine, famulis et famulabus tuis dexteram cœlestis auxilii; ut te toto corde perquirant, et quæ digne postulant assequantur. Per, etc."
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> "Stretch forth, O Lord, to Thy servants and Thine handmaids, the right hand of Thy heavenly help; so that they may seek Thee with their whole heart, and may obtain those things which they ask worthily. Through, etc.";

and (2) the collect in the "Mass for Benefactors":—

> "Miserere, quæsumus, Domine, animabus omnium benefactorum nostrorum defunctorum; et de beneficiis quæ nobis largiti sunt in tenis, præmia æterna consequantur in cœlis. Per, etc."
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> "Have mercy, we beseech Thee, O Lord, on the souls of all our benefactors departed; and out of the benefits which they bestowed on us in earth may they obtain eternal rewards in heaven. Through, etc."

Both collects are in the *Missale de Arbuthnott*, pp. 457 and 471. The former of the two, with the difference "et quæ digne postulant, consequi mereantur" (that what they ask worthily they may be counted worthy to receive) occurs among the "Orationes ad diversa" in the *Missale Romanum*. The doctrine of the latter collect is no doubt founded on our Lord's parable of the Unjust Steward. "Make to yourselves friends *by means of* (Marg. or *out of*) the mammon of unrighteousness, so that, when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles" (S. Luke xvi. 9. Revised Version).

[2] In vol. i. p. 248, there is a misreading of the MS., which was very indistinct, *de marces*: it ought to be *die martis*.

to another chaplain, who shall celebrate the same mass for his turn. And all and each of these things shall be observed by the said curate and chaplains and their collector for the time being, and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir, yearly, weekly, daily, and for ever, inviolably, as they shall wish to answer before the great Judge in the day of terrible and final judgment. In faith and testimony of all which I, the foresaid Mr. Robert Shand, have signed my present charter of foundation with my own hand, and have sealed it with my own seal, along with the signs manual of the foresaid curate and chaplains for the time being. At Abirdene, 12th July, 1542, before witnesses, men honourable, prudent, and discreet: Thomas Menzes, then Provost of the said burgh; David Andersoun, Alexander Ruyerfurd, Andrew Menzes, Mr. John Gordoun, bailies of the said burgh; Sir Patrick Stevinsone, Sir Dauid Loremar, chaplains; Mr. Dauid Nicholsoune, Mr. John Nicholson, and Mr. John Kennedy, notaries-public, with divers others.

Donation of a Chalice to the Altar of S. Ann. 20th February, 1549.

The same day a venerable man, Mr. Robert Schand, parson of Alnais and chaplain of the Altar of S. Ann within the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, gifted to the said altar a silver chalice weighing thirty-two ounces well gilt; provided that this chalice should always be in the custody of the Provost and baillies of Abirden, in the charter-house of the said church, so that it may be always ready for use by whatever chaplain is to celebrate at the said altar.[1] Witnesses: Thomas Menzes, Provost of Abirdene; Mr. Robert Lumisden, Alexander Ruyerfurd, Dauid Mar, Dauid Andersoun, Mr. John Nicholsoun, and Mr. John Kennedy, notaries-public, with divers others. (Signed by) Mr. Robert Schand, with my own hand: Sir John Waus, Edward Menzes, Sir John Collisoun, Sir Robert Spark, Mr. Andrew Cullan, Sir Alexander Robertson, Sir William Wallias, Sir Alexander Anderson, Mr. John Kennedy.

[1] Curiously enough, the Communion plate belonging to the Churches of S. Nicholas, with the exception of vessels recently presented, is still in the custody of the Town Council. Since the demolition of the old chapter-house, in 1838, there has been no suitable place for its preservation in the Church, and it is now kept in the Town-house, and sent to the Churches when required.

CXXI.

Sale of Land to Donald Lyndsey by the Provost-Curate and Chaplains. 1st *September*, 1545. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the provost-curate[1] and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene (wish) eternal health of the Lord; know that we, our advantage herein and that of our successors having been foreseen and diligently considered, and certain reasonable causes moving us hereto, and notably for the augmentation of our annual rental, and the good estate (*policea*) of the kingdom in the building and repair of waste lands, being met in chapter within our chapter-house, have with one consent and assent, given . . . to feu and heirship . . . to an honest man, Donald Lyndsey, shoemaker, indweller in the burgh of Abirdene, and his heirs and assigns, all and whole that land of ours with its pertinents lying within the said burgh in the Nethirkirkgate between the land of Robert Wschart on the west, the land of Thomas Chalmer on the east, the land of Thomas Lamyuntoun on the north, and the public king's highway on the south . . . to be held by the said Donald Lindsay . . . from us, of our Sovereign Lady Queen Mary, the most illustrious Princess of Scots,[2] and her successors the kings or queens of Scotland . . . in free burgage for ever . . . the said Donald, his heirs and assigns paying thence[3] to us and our successors the chaplains of the said choir the sum of ten shillings, Scots, annually . . . in name of feu-farm. . . .

[1] The provost and curate are one and the same person. The vicarage of S. Nicholas' Church, with all and sundry the fruits, oblations, and rents thereof, use and wont, on the 25th March, 1540 (five years prior to the date of this deed), were given by William Gordon, Bishop of Aberdeen, with consent of the dean and chapter, to the college of the chaplains of S. Nicholas' Church and their successors, for the sustentation of a provost to serve perpetually in the said Church, which was to be called in all time thereafter a Provostry (as other Collegiate Churches were). From the days of Pope Adrian IV. (1157) the Church of S. Nicholas had been a vicarage, with the bishop as rector. After the Reformation, the Town Council took possession of the vicarage, and on 12th January, $161\frac{4}{5}$, the original deed of mortification was given in to the Council by the town-clerk, and entered among the "town's evidents". (*Extracts from the Burgh Records*, ii. 320.)

[2] Compare her son's title, "The most high and mighty *Prince*, James," etc. Dedication of the Authorised Version of the Bible.

[3] "From the land of Robert Cuthaberd xs." (*Note in the Chartulary.*)

With, however, free feu power and faculty for us and our successors, and our collector for the time being, to take and distrain this land at our own hands without employing any servant of the law, for the said annual rent as often as need may be. . . . In testimony whereof our common seal and our signs manual are appended hereto at Abirdene, 1st September, 1545, before witnesses: Mr. Patrick Ruyerfurd, Baillie Alexander Ruyerfurd, Sir Dauid Wauss, Dauid Cut, George Kennede, Dauid Elleis, John Jamesone, sergeant, and Mr. John Kennede, notary-public, with divers others.

Attested by John Kennedy, notary-public.

CXXII.

Information handed to the Chaplains of Aberdene respecting Divine Worship and their administration thereof, by Ingeram Lindesay, Bishop of Abirdeen; confirmed also by Bishop Thomas Spens.[1] (*Translation.*)

Imprimis, That every Saturday all the chaplains, as well those hired[2] as those endowed, who celebrate Divine service in the Church of Abirdene, along with the vicar-chaplain of the parish, shall meet at nine o'clock or thereby in the chapter (house) of the said church, and there shall appoint, in manner of a table drawn up for the week and specially for the feasts occurring within the course of it, (a list) of each minister and each office or ministration to be performed by him; and to each the office appointed for him shall be intimated, so that they may have no excuse to allege, and that no failure may happen in the church of any ministration requiring to be made.

Item, On Sundays and festivals, when the Church service is to be performed with music, whether at mattins, high mass, or vespers, all

[1] Ingeram Lindesay, who held the See of Aberdeen from 1444 to 1459, was a very active and munificent bishop. His statutes for the Cathedral of Aberdeen, and his rules, entitled *Ordinatio Chori*, "with minute directions for the stations or positions of the choir, and for the proper ritual observances in the cathedral church," which are very interesting, are given in the *Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. ii. pp. 70-85. Bishop Spens (died 1480) was Lindesay's immediate successor, and was a man much employed in public affairs.

[2] *Conductitivis.*

the chaplains shall enter the choir with clean surplices,[1] in honour of God and of the Church.

Item, That the sacristan and the clergy of the parish shall be present there along with others who are engaged in the various duties as well in the church as in connexion with the tolling of the bells.—By order of the chapter.

Item, that all those things be ordered principally according to the advice of the vicar, curate and others of the seniors of the church.

Item, That parties failing in respect of these things shall be punished and corrected according to the discretion and judgment of the vicar and curate, with advice of the seniors, which they shall give when called for the purpose. And if the matter is grave, let it be referred to our official and to us (the bishop) as occasion serves.

Item, That if any debate or controversy arise between any of the chaplains, it shall be reformed and put right by the mediation of the foresaid (vicar, curate and seniors). And that no one be entitled to withdraw himself from this determination.

Item, That according to the advice of the majority and older (clergy) aforesaid, certain collectors be appointed for all that relates to all (dues) coming the way of the community (of the chaplains); to whatsover masses there may be assigned peculiarly to any one of the chaplains, by whomsover (these masses) may have been left or arranged for; and to all funerals and offices for the dead. And that all these be divided equally, to those precisely of the community who were present at the Divine offices, and to no other.

Item, That all the chaplains who have their maintenance out of any foundation in the said church be compelled, by all ecclesiastical censure, to observe all Divine worship and service in accordance with all (the rules) aforesaid.

[1] The canons of the Cathedral were required to wear over their surplice an almuce or tippet, and at the seasons when that was not worn a black cape or hood. One of the effigies in the Cathedral shows this dress. (*Reg. Ep. Aberd.*, ii. p. 73.)

Item, That if any of the hired chaplains, either of his own motion, or at the instigation of his masters engaging him, shall refuse to accept the burdens aforesaid and agree to them for the honour of the Church and the increase of Divine worship, he shall be suspended *simpliciter* from entry into the choir at the time when the Divine offices are solemnly celebrated therein, and also from receiving part of whatever dues accrue to the chaplains as a community from masses, funerals, offices for the dead, or any other thing.

Item, If it happen that any one, who has been written down for any service, for any reasonable cause, of infirmity or otherwise, cannot without very great inconvenience perform the duty for the time being, that another of the chaplains, whosoever is present at the time, shall at the command of the vicar or parish chaplain supply for that occasion the failure of the absent man, and for the supply shall receive a certain consideration according to the judgment (of the vicar, curate and seniors) aforesaid, and the ancient rule observed in this church, and the absent man shall have his share from the dues accruing to the community. And lest through uncertainty there should be a variation in the sum awarded to the man who supplies the defect, every one who supplies in the office of deacon or singer shall receive a penny for each hour.

CXXIII.

Statute concerning the Absence of Chaplains from various Offices. 5th September, 1518. (Translation.)

In the name of God, Amen. By this present public instrument, let it be clear and evident to all, that on the 5th September, 1518, the sixth indiction, the sixth year of the most holy father and lord, the Lord Leo X., Pope, in the presence of the notary-public for the then dean of the chapter (*christianitatis*)[1] of the deanery of Aberdeen, the curate and chaplains of the choir or college of S. Nicholas of Abirdene in chapter

[1] *Christianitas*. An earlier application of the word, in the Code of Theodosius, is to the whole body of the clergy. (*Migne*.)

assembled, as their yearly custom is, for the election of a new collector or procurator, for the observance of their statutes or foundations, and for appointing anew by what honour and increase Divine worship should be dignified. The representatives of the chapter all and sundry with one consent and none objecting or contradicting, resolved, for their own part and their successors for ever, that the procurator elected for the time being and his successors should diligently note every one who is absent from the offices of the dead, as well from the vigils as from the masses, and from the other private masses to be celebrated throughout the week according to the (various) foundations, and that (the names of those absent) be taken down in writing, and that whosoever has been absent from the vigils of the dead shall pay as a punishment fourpence, and for (absence from) the sung mass[1] twopence, and from a mass of the trenthal fourpence, and for a private mass the same, all excuse being disallowed except the man has been hindered by infirmity or a journey, or has put in his place a sufficient chorister outside the number of the college. And this (money) with (the names of) those who fail shall be kept in the hands of the collector till the day of reckoning, or disposed of on the building or repair of the clergy-house, faithfully as he shall wish to answer to God and to his brethren. And this being decreed, shall be observed for ever irrevocably under their signs manual, concerning which they all and sundry asked of me, a notary-public, this writing drawn up in the form of an instrument. These things were done about eight o'clock a.m. in the chapter of the Church of S. Nicholas of the town of Abirdene, the year, day, month, indiction, and pontificate aforesaid. (Signed by) Mr. William Philipsoun, Sir John Murray, Mr. Robert Masoun, John Fyfe, Thomas Bynne, Sir John Mar, Mr. Dauid Menzeis, notary-public, Sir Dauid Wauss, William Couper, Sir Andrew Cowper, Sir John Wauss, Sir Dauid Leis, Sir John Cumyng.

[1] There is an error here in the Latin text (vol. i. p. 254), *premissa* for *pro missa*. It is curious to observe that absence from the sung mass (the chief of these offices) is to be punished by a less fine than absence from the others. In the four Scotch Churches which form part of the Church of Holland, elders who are absent from church at either service on Sunday are fined, to this day, in sums not unlike those above mentioned; a record is kept, and *no* excuse allowed.

CXXIV.

Statutes for the Maintenance of Divine Service, 1491.[1]

The acts, constitutions, and statutes underwritten were made and ordained for the supplying, augmenting, and upholding of God's service by the curate and chaplains of the whole College of Aberdene underwritten, 6th October, 1491.

In the first place, it is statute and ordained that every chaplain being on duty and noted thereto—that is to say, the deacon for the week, or chantor for the week, as often as he fails in execution of his office shall pay for every hour one penny, which shall be given as often to him that supplies the failure.

Item, It is statute and ordained that every chaplain written off for the mass of the Holy Blood in Lent, or other mass to be said for souls, failing in the performance of them, shall pay four pence to the supplier.

Item, It is statute that all chaplains being in the town, even if they are not on duty, who are absent from all hours[2] the whole day without a necessary cause and leave asked and obtained of the president shall pay one obolus.

Item, It is statute and ordained that all chaplains within the town and absent the whole week from all hours shall be excluded from all commons and accidental (incomings) for one year, unless they are sick or occupied in errands of State, and leave has been asked and obtained of the president.

Item, it is statut and ordained that all chaplains who are absent from solemn processions or solemn feasts shall pay one penny, unforgiven; and that they are not to say mass in time of processions and persons making offerings.[3]

[1] This is in old English, and is here given in a more modern dress.

[2] The canonical hours.

[3] Offerandis.

Item, it is statut and ordained that the sacristan shall keep his hours that are appointed him for the ringing of bells, at the sight of the chapter, under pain of being put in the stocks.[1]

Item, that no chaplain toll the bell to cause the sacristan to ring except at the hour appointed by the chapter.

Item, that no chaplain of the college, or out of it, shall take the choir books out of the choir, under pain of one penny for each transgression.

Item, The whole chapter shall choose a writer who shall be sworn to write the faults and present them every Saturday to the chapter, and the collector shall receive them, and make count of them at the end of each quarter of the year.

Item, it is statut that no chaplain pass out of the choir from the beginning to the end of hours, masses, mattins, and evensong, and specially from the Mass of the Holy Blood, without leave asked of the president or vicar, and failing him, of the curate,[2] and in his absence the collector.

Item, that none hold conversation in the choir in time of the hour under the same penalty that he would incur if he were absent from that hour.

Item, that none read lessons except at the command of the president, except they be previously appointed by the chapter.

Item, that the chaplains who are not members of the college shall grace the choir in their habits on holy days under the pain stated in the table.

Item, that all chaplains of the college shall come to the chapter

[1] A pair of stocks was to be seen in the crypt of S. Nicholas' (S. Mary's Chapel) in the early part of the present century.

[2] In some cases the vicar and curate seem to be the same person : here they are plainly distinct.

every Saturday, and hear their duty assigned to them, so that none may allege excuse, under pain of fourpence.[1]

Item, the clerks shall not be absent in time of the hours without leave asked and obtained of the president.

Item, whoever comes not to the first lection of the nine lessons, and to the fourth (*ferde*) psalm of three letters, and to the fourth psalm of the nocturn, and to the first reading of the *Dirige*, and to the epistle of the mass, shall be held absent from that hour.

Item, whosever is deacon on duty for the week shall have the same office at the souls' mass.

Item, that no chaplain of the college, purchase to himself alone any service that may redound to the profit of the whole college under pain of deprivation.

Item, all chaplains that do not keep the *Seculorum* and tune given them by the chantor, executor of the office, or president for the time, shall desist under pain of an English penny, unforgiven.

Item, that none presume to ask wage and payment for masses for souls and processions but those that are notified by the collector.

Item, that no mass shall be sung without twelve persons and the priest that sings the mass.

Item, it is statute and ordained for the upholding of God's service that no person shall be received into the college at any man's request unless he is a chorister, a singer of plain song, that can sing anthems,[2] responsaries, and versicles, epistles, gospels, masses, and legends.

Item, there shall no chaplain be received into the college by request of any man, spiritual or temporal. Also any chaplain by himself, or

[1] In the Chartulary "iiij*d.*" has been written in by another hand in place of "1 obul" (for *obolus*) deleted.

[2] So in the Chartulary. Antiphons rather than anthems in the modern sense are probably meant.

on the part of his friends advertently, doing hindrance or injury to the college and the brethren thereof, shall have no interest in it nor be received into it.

Item, There shall be yearly a general Anniversary done to all time coming by the college for deceased brethren of the college, on this wise:—The *Placebo* and *Dirige* on the Monday after the Feast of the Nativity of our glorious Patron Saint Nicholas, and the sung mass with note on the following morning at S. Nicholas' Altar, and trenthal of masses in the week following, each chaplain (saying) a mass: "Pro confratribus nostris sacerdotibus defunctis, antecessoribus et successoribus, parentibus, benefactoribus, et omnibus fidelibus defunctis,"[1] with commendation following.

Item, on Wednesday thereafter there shall be yearly a general Anniversary done "pro confratribus nostris vivis,"[2] with a sung Mass of the Holy Ghost at S. Nicholas' Altar, together with the whole trenthal of said Masses of the Holy Ghost following.

Item, that whatsoever chaplain of the college happens to decease, if he has no goods of his own to meet the expenses of his burial and funeral office, the college shall bury him at their expense and do the funeral office as is proper. Also they shall bury at their expense secular persons received into their fraternity who have nothing of their own wherewith to do it.

The Names of the Chaplains of the College in the Year of our Lord (Fourteen Hundred and) Ninety-one.

Sir Dauid Waus, Vicar of Banff.
Mr. Alexander Fyf.
Sir Andrew, the son of Thomas (Thomson).
Sir Andrew, the son of Henry (Henryson).

[1] For "our brothers the priests departed, our predecessors and successors, parents, benefactors, and all the faithful departed". The words would be inserted in the intercession in the mass, which was offered "with intention" for them.

[2] "For the brethren of our college who are living."

Sir John Strachin.
Sir John Stirueling.
Sir Duncan Nachty.
Sir Thomas Heruy.
Mr. William Colisone.
Sir Alexander Club.
Sir Alexander Gray.
Sir Robert Leis.
Sir William Muresone.
Sir John Prat.
Sir William Crukschank.
Sir Matthew Nicholsone.
Mr. Alexander Dyss.
Sir Andrew Gray.
Sir Andrew Chamer.
Sir John Litstar.
Sir Robert Sprvnt.
Sir Ingram Bannerman.

Item, it is statute and ordained that each collector shall make payment to the chaplains for the Whitsunday term by (*i.e.*, not later than) Lammas next thereafter, and the Martinmas term by Yule immediately thereafter, of all rents and annuals belonging to them which are infeft to the whole college.

Item, it is statute and ordained by the whole college that each year on the Saturday eight days before the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel, the general collector of the said college shall make his full count, reckoning, and payment to the chaplains of the college of all things both of properties and accidents pertaining to them for the whole year immediately preceding (during) which he enjoyed the office of the collectorship; and his said count, reckoning, and payment being leally and truly given, heard, and understood by certain of the college of the highest reputation and discretion, or by the whole college, he shall give over his office of collector, and a new collector shall be chosen to exercise the said office for one year, and so forth yearly every year for the common profit of the whole college; and no man shall enjoy that

office but for one year, so that every one may know the lands and annual rents infeft to the college.

The second day of the month of December,[1] the year of God 1508, for the honour of God and Holy Church, and the pleasure and upholding of Divine service according to the old statutes and constitutions of Holy Church, it was statute and ordained by the curate and the whole chaplains, that no manner of persons, priests, clerks, singers, nor others, come within the choir without their habit, under the pains hereafter following, that is to say—For a priest, the first time of payment, two pence, and for a clerk, one penny; the second time for a priest, four pence, and for a clerk, two pence, and so forth ; the third time to be deprived of their commons in time of God's service.

CXXV.

Statutes for Sixteen Chaplains in the College of S. Nicholas, made by a Reverend Father in Christ, William Elphinston, Bishop of Aberdeen, in his General Chapter.[2]

In the General Chapter of a reverend father in God, William, Bishop of Aberdeen, held within the Cathedral Church of the same on Wednesday in Pentecost Week next after the Synod, it was statute and ordained, and as a perpetual act ratified and approved by the said reverend father, and with the express consent and assent of the brethren choristers and chaplains of S. Nicholas' Church, Aberdeen, after following :—

That it shall be held that in all time coming there shall be in the said college but the number of sixteen brethren singers, and men able for the keeping up of the service of God, and no more.

Moreover, the brethren underwritten by their great oaths made before the said reverend father, have taken the charge upon them for

[1] It will be observed that there is a difference of seventeen years between this paragraph and those immediately preceding it. There is a marked difference in the Chartulary—if not in the writing, yet in the ink.

[2] The title is in Latin; the statutes are in old English, here presented in modern dress. This is the deed which has been reproduced in facsimile, vol. i. facing p. 259.

their time, to keep, continue, and uphold the said Divine service in time to come; and also that none be received in (into) the said college above the said number of sixteen brethren; but if so be a brother decease, another fit singer and chorister (shall) be chosen by consent of all the brethren in the stead of him that deceased, and in like manner if more happen to decease. And that there be not received into the said company any manner of person at the request any man, either canonical or secular,[1] in time to come, except it be to complete the number aforesaid, and (he be) found able thereto by the said brethren.

And that there be a Fault Book made to be kept by the hebdomitar[2] according to the pattern of that at the Cathedral Church, to note all faults, absences from hours, and services set down on the table,[3] and of them who do not observe their ceremonies in time of Divine service, to be noted at the week's end, and count and reckoning taken thereof. And also that no commons be distributed or given but only to those that observe and keep their service set to them.

And also the said reverend father ratified and approved the statutes and acts made previously by the late Bishop Thomas Spens[4] of good memory, and the acts made by the old brethren of good mind for the good of God's service before this present statute; and this statute subscribed with the hand of the said reverend father and the hands of the said brethren that have taken the said charge upon them :—

William,[5] (Bishop) of Aberdeen.

Alexander,[6] (Bishop) of Aberdeen.

I, Gavin,[7] Bishop of Aberdeen, approve the foregoing.

Mr. Thomas Chawmer, Curate of Aberdeen, with his own hand.

Mr. David Menzes, Commissary for the time being of the said Lord Alexander, (Bishop) of Aberdeen, confirming the same sets his hand to it.

[1] "Channon nor secular man."

[2] The chaplain charged with this duty for the week.

[3] See No. CXXII.

[4] Thomas Spens was bishop of Aberdeen, 1459-1480.

[5] William Elphinstone, bishop of Aberdeen, 1484-1514.

[6] Alexander Gordon, bishop of Aberdeen, died 1518.

[7] Gavin Dunbar, bishop of Aberdeen, died 1532.

(I) William,[1] Bishop of Aberdeen, approve the foregoing.

I, William,[2] Bishop of Aberdeen, approve the foregoing.

Sir David Waus set his own hand to it.
Sir John Waus sets his own hand to it.
Sir David Leis sets his own hand to it.
Sir John Murray sets his own hand to it.
Sir John Fyfe sets his own hand to it.
Mr. R. Masoun sets his own hand to it.
Sir Thomas Bynne sets his own hand to it.
Sir William Couper sets his own hand to it.
Sir Andrew Cowper sets his own hand to it.
Mr. William Philipsoun sets his own hand to it.

CXXVI.

Act of the 14th July, 1519. (*Translation.*)

THE which day, the reverend Sir, Mr. John Dinguele, Protonotary of the Apostolic See, Archdeacon of Caithness, etc., and perpetual Vicar[3] of the Church of S. Nicholas of Abirden, wishing in all things, and from his inmost (heart) striving, that the Divine service for the worship, laud, veneration, and honour of Almighty God and of S. Nicholas the patron of the said church, be in the said church devoutly and lovingly celebrated and sung, and desiring some practices (*mores*) prevalent among the chaplains and ministers of the choir of the foresaid church to be reformed, humbly and earnestly requested a venerable and excellent man, Mr. Alexander Hay, Canon and Commissary-general of Abirdeen, that he with authority of the Ordinary would confirm certain Statutes made unanimously by the said vicar and chaplains of the choir aforesaid, and sanction them by certain penalties—of which statutes the tenor followeth :—

Imprimis. The said Sir Vicar and the chaplains underwritten have ordained and statute that henceforth the chaplains within the said choir

[1] William Stewart, bishop of Aberdeen, died 1545.

[2] William Gordon, bishop of Aberdeen, died 1577.

[3] Here is another instance of the offices of vicar and curate of S. Nicholas being held by different persons : Dingwall is vicar, and Thomas Chawmer (see the signatures) curate. The vicar, who was also Archdeacon of Caithness, was probably non-resident.

at the time of Divine service shall attend attentively to the Divine office then to be celebrated or sung, and not talk to each other. And if any one is caught guilty in this matter and noted, he be required before he leave the church (unless he is bound by some infirmity) to say one nocturn of the Sunday Psalms.

Item, that no one in the time of Divine service enter the choir without a decent clerical habit, under the pain of fourpence.

Item, that all the chaplains, ministers in the foresaid choir, shall meet together every Saturday when mattins are ended, in the chapter-house of the said church, to hear the table (of duties) read, to punish failures, and (to do) other things that concern the well-being and honour of the said church, to provide, determine, and conclude (arrangements) for the coming week ; under pain of twelve pence for the curate, fourpence for each chaplain, and one penny for every boy at that time on the staff.

Item, that each Saturday in the chapter there be chosen and appointed two singers who shall have the ruling of the choir for that week, who shall faithfully note all such like failures occurring in the time of Divine service, and shall lay them out or tell them in the chapter on Saturdays, and each of those singers shall note the faults for his own part or side ; and in the same way there shall be chosen for every week in time to come (those) necessary officials of the choir.

Item, that whosoever of the said chaplains (one or more) is absent for the time being, except for the cause of infirmity, shall depute a sufficient singer to take his place, otherwise he shall be accounted absent.

Item, if any of the chaplains (one or more) go out of the choir in time of Divine service, without leave asked and obtained, and does not immediately return, except he be hindered by infirmity, he shall be accounted absent.

Item, if it happen that any one of the said chaplains strives in time of Divine (service) and he shall have been noted therein, for each such

offence he shall make satisfaction (in the sum of) two shillings to be applied to the common good, and the same shall be done if they strive at a meeting of the laity.

Item, that clerks absent from any one of the greater hours, or failing in any similar duty, shall make satisfaction for each such failure (in the sum of one penny), and (for failure) in other duties they shall make satisfaction and be punished according the estimation of the offence.

Item, that no chaplain in the foresaid church shall celebrate mass at the time of the great mass or during preaching under pain of perjury and making satisfaction in the sum of twelvepence to be levied without remission from the common and accidental dues accruing to him. And that from the requiem masses founded or to be founded in the foresaid church no one withdraw himself till the end of the mass. And that they sing the services that are due all together, and each one takes for a week the office of (leading) the responses, unless leave has been asked and obtained, under pain of losing his commons for that mass, which are to go to the other chaplains who have duly served in it.

Item, whereas it is scarcely to be borne that certain chaplains of the said church do disclose secrets and those things in the chapter which are sacred between the said chaplains to others who are not members, and reveal them even to other chaplains and laymen whereby the ecclesiastics are manifoldly hurt and no good can come either to the commonweal or to the Church, it is made a fundamental statute and ordinance that if any one is noted to perpetrate such things, he shall without delay be deprived of all and each his common and accidental dues, which shall be given to the other chaplains, and of ingress to the chapter or hearing of its secrets for the next year.[1]

Similarly, it is statute and ordained that no clerk who is not in Holy Orders shall presume to enter the principal seats[2] of the said choir, but shall occupy a place in the front row appointed for the boys of the said

[1] Similar practices, it is to be regretted, prevail in Aberdeen to the present day. The above ordinance might be enacted and enforced with advantage by several of the public bodies.

[2] The canopied stalls.

choir in time of Divine service, under pain of a paying a penny without remission for each offence.

Which statutes, as being consonant to reason, and tending at the same time to the glory of God and of S. Nicholas, the said Sir Commissary with authority of the ordinary approved, affirmed, and ratified, adding the sanction that each of the chaplains and other ministers of the foresaid church in all time coming shall inviolably observe all and each of them under the penalties herein contained, under pain of suspension from the celebration of Divine service in the case of presbyters, and of the major excommunication in the case of laymen or those in the inferior orders, etc.

(Signed S) Alexander Hay, Canon and Commissary of Aberdeen, John Dingwall, Sir Andrew Cowper, David Nicholsone, Sir John Red, Robert Masoun, Thomas Chawmer, Curate of Abirdene, Sir John Fyfe, Sir John Murra, Sir John Cumyng, Sir David Wauss, Mr. William Philipsoun, William Couper, Sir John Bynne, Sir John Mar, John Wauss.

CXXVII.

Act of the 1st *October*, 1530. (*Translation.*)

THE which day a man venerable and excellent, Mr. Robert Elphinstoun, Canon and Commissary-general of Aberdeen, with consent of the chapter of the Church of Aberdeen, namely S. Nicholas', appointed Sirs David Wauss and Robert Spark to write daily for the next quarter the date of the attendances and (the names) of those who talk, laugh, idle, or are irregular in their attendance in the choir of the said church, and that whosoever doeth any of these thing shall be noted, and shall pay the penalty of one *honi*, in the vulgar tongue "a fault," for each such offence; and in like manner that those who begin the responsaries or antiphons without the command of the chantor, or fail

to repeat the same, be noted, and pay their penalty every Saturday. And there was like consent that those coming to words in the choir or elsewhere, and throwing injurious terms at other people, shall pay—the guilty one—two shillings to the brethren of the choir, for the augmenting of the sum to be distributed. And that for the second quarter of the year two others be appointed, and so throughout the year, every by the chaplains themselves. This was done in the presence of the chapter, and of the Provost and certain councillors of Aberdeen.

The same day, a man venerable and excellent, Mr. Robert Elphinstone, Canon and Commissary of Aberdeen, with consent of the chapter, curate, and chaplains, in chapter assembled, and no one saying aught against it, ordained, with a view to concord among the brethren of the chapter of the Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdene, that if any discussion should happen to arise among them, namely, a controversy, injurious words, or any kind of strife, whether rightly or wrongly, the strife shall first of all be made open and manifest to the brethren of the chapter, and corrected by them among themselves, under pain of deprivation from entering into the choir, according to the discretion of the chapter; under pain, for the second offence, of half commons; under pain, for the third offence, of deprivation *simpliciter* from the said commons and without any restoration thereto.

Robert Elphinstoun, Commissary-general of Aberdeen.

CXXVIII.

Charter of Sir John Waus. 22nd April, 1553. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, Sir John Vaus, chaplain of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Forasmuch as we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive either good or evil, according as we have done in the body, and each shall obtain his own reward

according to his own labour;[1] wishing therefore to anticipate that day of final judgment by works of mercy, so that what we have sown on earth we may be able to reap with multiplied fruit in heaven, know therefore that I, in honour of Almighty God, the glorious Virgin Mary, and all the citizens of the court of heaven, for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my parents, benefactors, and all those from whom I received any good things either justly or unjustly, and of all the faithful dead, have given . . . in pure . . . and perpetual alms to discreet men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene and their successors the chaplains of the said choir, all and whole one annual rent of twenty-six shillings and eight pence, Scots, to be annually drawn and taken from all and whole that outer land of mine, with its garden—lying within the said burgh in the Netherkirkgate, between the land of Robert Gray on the west, and the land of the Altar or Chaplaincy of S. Barbara the Virgin on the east, the king's highway on the south, and the garden of the late Patrick Vod on the north. . . . To be held in feu and heirship by the foresaid curate and chaplains and their successors, the chaplains of the said choir, in all time coming, of our Sovereign Lady the Queen and her successors, the kings or queens of Scotland. . . . On which account the said curate and chaplains and their successors shall celebrate or cause to be celebrated one mass for the salvation of my soul, and the souls of my parents, benefactors, and all the faithful dead at the Altar of S. Martin, situated within the said church, on Sunday every week for ever. . . . In testimony whereof my own seal is affixed to the charter of this foundation, also the seal of an honourable man, Gilbert Malysone, one of the baillies of the said burgh and giver of sasine hereupon, at Abirdene, the 22nd day of April, 1553, before witnesses: Alexander Malysone, Andrew Herwy, Alexander Kay, Henry Nachty, William Barclay, one of the sergeants of the said burgh, and Mr. John Kennedy, common clerk of the said burgh, with divers others.

The present copy accords with the principal charter, having been collated by me, the undersigned notary-public.

(Signed) John Kennedy, clerk of the burgh of Abirdene, and notary-public.

[1] 1 Cor. iii. 8.

CXXIX.

Confirmation of (Sale by) James Huntar of a certain land belonging to the chaplains. 8th July, 1574. (Abstract.) [1]

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the vicar and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene wish eternal health in the Lord. Know that we have read, seen, inspected, and fully understood a certain charter of alienation of land signed by James Huntar, cutler, to a prudent man, Andrew Huntar, burgess of the said burgh, his heirs and assigns, made, conceded, and confirmed by the seal and sign manual of the foresaid James, not erased, nor vitiated, nor cancelled, nor in any way suspected but entirely free from fault and above suspicion, as appears on the face of it, whereof the tenor, word for word, is as follows :—

"To all who shall see or hear this charter James Hunter, cutler, free artificer of the burgh of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Know that I, my advantage in the matter having been looked to on all sides and considered carefully, for certain reasonable causes moving my mind hereto, have sold, alienated and by this present charter confirmed . . . to a prudent man, Andrew Huntar, burgess of the said burgh, his heirs and assigns, all and whole that outer land of mine which I hold in feu-farm from the chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of Aberdeine, lying within the said burgh in the Gallowgate on the west side thereof between the land of the late John Durty, now William Oglay's, on the south, and the land of the late David Blak, now John Robertsoune's, on the north, the public king's highway on the east, and the land of the late Thomas Philpsoune, now Thomas Allan, the tailor's, on the west, for a certain sum of money which the said Andrew at the time of the drawing up of this charter paid to me well and faithfully in numbered money into my hands in my necessity, with which sum I confess myself well content and fully paid. . . . To be held . . . by the foresaid Andrew Huntar, his heirs and assigns from me and my heirs and assigns of the foresaid chaplains and their

[1] The writing here changes greatly. It will be observed that the date is no less than fourteen years after 1560, when the Reformation obtained the sanction of the Scottish Parliament. The title (except the date) is that written in the margin of the Chartulary.

successors in heritable feu for ever . . . the said Andrew and his heirs and assigns owing annually to our Sovereign Lord the King and his successors the kings of Scotland the long age service due and customary for it, and paying annually to the foresaid chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdeine the sum of three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, Scots. . . . In testimony whereof, my proper seal with my sign manual underwritten, and the seal of an honourable man, Alexander Chalmer, one of the baillies of the said burgh, and the giver of sasine hereupon, are appended at Abirdene, 7th July, 1574, before witnesses: James Ewin, Alexander Ewin, John Robertsoune, junior, Alexander Malysoune, burgesses of Abirdene; Mr. John Fulford, Gilbert Kintor, sergeant, Mr. Thomas Malysoune and Mr. John Kennedy, notaries-public, with divers others.

"So it is subscribed. James Huntar, cultuler, with my hand at the pen-hed by the notar underwritten at my command.[1]

"So it is, Mr. Thomas Malysoune at the special command of the said James Huntar, who does not know how to write."

The which charter of alienation or sale inserted above we approve, ratify, and confirm in all its points, parts, clauses, conditions, and circumstances, and for ourselves and our successors for ever confirm it by these presents. Provided, however, that if it happen that the said Andrew, his heirs or assigns, fail in paying the said sum of five merks of annual feu-duty at the foresaid terms, or if the whole payment is not made within forty days after any term, then and in that case this infeftment and concession shall be void, and it shall be lawful for us and our successors to resume the said land, and dispose of it according to the freedom of our own will without legal process, as (if) this land had never been given in feu. Moreover whosoever enters of new into this land shall double this feu-duty at his first entry, as the custom is in feus. In testimony whereof we have caused to be appended the seal of our common chapter, along with our signs manual, at Abirdene, 8th July, 1574, before witnesses: George Straquhyn, Mr. Thomas Malysone, Andrew Garreaucht, George Blak, Henry Multra, John Chalmer, and Mr. John Kennedy.

[1] These words are in English. The man wrote with the notary holding his hand and directing his pen.

So it is, John Collisoune, vicar, with my own hand, Mr. John Kennedy with my own hand, William Valcar wt my hand, Sir John Blak with my own hand, Sir John Vrycht with my own hand, Mr. Edward Menges with my own hand, Syr James Barclay, collector for ye tyme, vt my hand.[1]

Attested by John Kennedy, clerk of the burgh of Aberdeen, and Mr. Thomas Malysoune, notaries-public.

CXXX.

Foundation by John Waus of a Sunday Mass to be celebrated at the Altar of S. Martin. 22nd April, 1553. (*Abstract.*)

To all who shall see or hear this charter, John Vaus, chaplain of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, wisheth eternal health in the Lord. Whereas we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of our Lord Jesus Christ to receive, whether good or evil, according as we have done in the body, and each shall receive his own reward according to his own labour, know, therefore, that I, wishing, therefore, to anticipate the day of final judgment by works of mercy, so that what we have sown on earth we may be able to reap with multiplied fruit in heaven, in honour of Almighty God, the glorious Virgin Mary, and all the citizens of the celestial court, for the salvation of my soul, of (the souls of) my parents, benefactors, and all those from whom, with or without justice, I have received any good things, and all the faithful dead, have given . . . in pure and perpetual alms . . . to discreet men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene, and their successors the chaplains of the (said) choir, all and whole an annual rent of twenty-six shillings and eight pence, Scots, to be drawn . . . from all and whole that land of mine, outer and inner, with its garden, lying within the said burgh in the Netherkirkgate, between the land of Robert Gray on the west and the land of the Altar or chaplaincy of S. Barbara the Virgin on the east, the public king's highway on the south, and the garden of the late

[1] William Valcar (so he spells his name) and James Barclay sign in the vernacular—not as their colleagues do in Latin.

Patrich Vod on the north . . . to be held . . . by the foresaid curate and chaplains and their successors the perpetual chaplains of the said choir of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, and her successors the kings or queens of Scotland, in feu, heirship, and free burgage for ever. . . . On account whereof the said curate and chaplains and their successors shall celebrate, or cause celebrate, one Mass for the salvation of my soul and (the souls) of my parents, benefactors, and all the faithful dead, at the Altar of S. Martin, situated within the said church, on the Lord's Day in every week for ever. . . . In testimony whereof my proper seal and sign manual, and the seal of an honourable man, Gilbert Malysone, one of the baillies of the said burgh and giver of sasine hereupon, are appended to this charter of foundation, at Aberdene, 22nd April, 1553, before witnesses: Alexander Malysone, Andrew Harrow, Alexander Kay, Henry Nachty, William Barclay, one of the sergeants of the said burgh, and Mr. John Kennedy, common clerk of the said burgh, with divers others.

So it is subscribed Sir John Waus with my own hand.

Attested by Mr. John Kennedy, notary-public.[1]

CXXXI.

Instrument of Sasine by John Waus. 23rd April, 1553. (*Abstract.*)

In the name of God, Amen. By this public interest be it clear and known to all that in the year of our Lord, 1553, the 23rd day of April, the eleventh indiction, the third year of the pontificate of the most holy father and lord, our lord Julius III. by Divine providence Pope, in the presence of me, a notary-public, and the witnesses underwritten, there compeared personally a discreet man, Sir John Waus, chaplain of the choir of S. Nicholas of Aberdene, not through force or fear, nor having fallen into any error, nor having been circumvented by any guile or fraud, but of his own mere and pure good will, and no variable mind, as was plain, and gave and resigned *simpliciter* by means of a penny of out-toll into the hands of an honourable man, Gilbert Malyson, one of the baillies of

[1] The chirograph of the notary here is very ornamental, and bears on a well-drawn scroll the letters I. K. N. P.

the said burgh, all and whole one annual rent of twenty-six shillings and eight pence, Scots . . . payable . . . from all and whole that outer land with the small garden thereof . . . lying within the said burgh in the Netherkirkgate on the north side thereof between the land of Robert Gray on the west, the land of the Altar of S. Barbara the Virgin situated within the said Parish Church, on the east, and the land of the late Patrick Vod on the north, and the public king's highway on the south; . . . for the purpose of giving sasine and heritable possession of the said annual rent . . . to discreet men, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene and their successors the chaplains of the said choir for ever. Whereupon the said baillie, at the special mandate of said resignee, gave sasine . . . of the said annual rent of twenty-six shillings and eight pence . . . by means of one penny of in-toll . . . to a discreet man, Sir Robert Bynny, chaplain, and collector, and procurator for the chaplains aforesaid; and inducted, and corporally invested the said collector in their name, according to the tenor of the foundation charter drawn up concerning it. Of all which the said Sir Robert Bynny in his capacity of procurator petitioned me as a notary-public to give him this public instrument, the seal of the baillie himself corroborating it. These things were done on the ground of the said land about nine a.m. in the year, month, day, indiction, and pontificate above-mentioned, in the presence of Alexander Malysone, Andrew Harrow, Alexander Kay, Henry Nachty, and William Barclay, sergeant of the said burgh, with divers other witnesses called and incited to be present.

Attested by Mr. John Kennedy, of the diocese of Aberdeen, notary with the authority of the Holy Apostolic See, and common clerk of Aberdene, who was present and saw what was done.

CXXXII.

Legacy of a Breviary by John Litster, Chaplain. (*Translation.*)

A DISCREET man, Sir John Litster, chaplain of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdene, left after his decease (unless any necessity

compelled him otherwise)[1] a certain breviary written on parchment to one fit chaplain, viz.:—first, to his kinsman promoted to be priest, for the whole time of his life or residence within the burgh of Aberdene; whom failing, to another fit chaplain, and so successively as one deceases to another remaining in the said town, who shall thereafter make prayers to God for his salvation, etc., as is set forth with greater fulness in the said book.

CXXXIII.

Donations by Mr. William Howe. 1492. (*Translation.*)

In the year of our Lord, etc. (*sic*), (fourteen hundred and) ninety-two, a discreet man, Mr. William Howe, in honour of Almighty God, the most Blessed Virgin Mary, etc. (*sic*), distributed the goods and ornaments underwritten in the manner and effect following, viz.:—To the Altar of the glorious Virgin Mary of Aberdon,[2] a corporal with a cover of welleous;[3] to the Altar of S. Ann in the Church of S. Nicholas of Aberdene, a corporal with a covering as above, and the pokat (*sic*) with one fiol-phiola (*sic*) and ane paxbrede,[4] and two small hand towels; to the Altar of S. Nicholas a corporal with a covering of ruby silk, a paxbrede, and two hand towels, and a phial, with one woollen (?)[5] cloth; to the Altar of the Monastery of Deir, a corporal with cover; a corporal to the Chapel of Gareauche; a corporal to the Chapel of S. Mary of

[1] Perhaps we may see here an apprehension of the changes which the Reformation was so soon to bring. In an earlier charter we found a book prized and wondered at because it was *printed:* here, men grown more familiar with printing, set value on a book because it is *written.*

[2] This Altar may have been that of the Church *par excellence* of Aberdeen—the Cathedral; the Altar of S. Mary in the Church of S. Nicholas receives its benefaction later: if this be so, we may perhaps see in the different spelling *Aberdon* and *Aberdene* an attempt to discriminate the town on the Don from that on the Dee. But not much can be founded on the spelling of names in mediæval documents.

[3] The *corporal* is the pall or cloth on which the host is laid at mass; the *covering* is the veil for the chalice. "Welleous" is, no doubt, velvet.

[4] The vial may have been a cruet for holding either the wine or the water for the Sacrament. The paxbrede is a small tablet, of brass or other metal, stamped with a sacred sign, formerly used in giving the *pax* or "kiss of peace" at the mass.

[5] In the Chartulary, *cum uno lanacio.*

Sydgate;[1] a corporal to the Friars Preachers of Abirdene; a corporal to the Carmelite Friars of Aberdene: a corporal with a covering for the chalice, and a towel to the Altar of the most holy Virgin of Abirdene; a corporal to the Altar of S. James in the same; a corporal to the Altar of Holy Cross—"le Browne Croyce"; a corporal to the Altar of S. Katherine; a corporal to the Altar of S. Sebastian; with a covering for the chalice to the Altar of S. John the Evangelist. *Item,* he left a silver chalice, gilt, in the custody of Sir John Strachin, with a small book called "Crede michi,"[2] a corporal, and two phials, to the Altar of S. Thomas the Apostle, of Aberdeen.

The chaplains of the College of Aberdene, in presence of Master Duncan Scherar, commissary of my Lord (Bishop) of Aberdene, granted yearly to Sir William Crukschank five shillings for his good ministration and service in bread and wine to be shown to them.[3]

CXXXIV.

The Charter of Andrew Buck of Fishings at the Fords of Dee. 1st March, $155\frac{8}{9}$. *(Abstract.)*

To all who shall see or hear this charter, the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Collegiate Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene (wish) eternal health in the Lord. Know that we with unanimous consent and assent, being met in chapter for the purpose following, our advantage in the matter and that of our successors being on all sides pondered and diligently considered, for the evident augmentation of our rental, and for a certain sum of money paid us in numbered coin by a farseeing man, Andrew Buk, burgess of Aberdeen—a sum that has been fully and entirely paid and has been wholly converted and applied to our lawful and necessary uses, have assigned . . . and let in perpetual feu and heirship to the foresaid Andrew Buk and Matilda Mengzes, his wife, conjoined

[1] Seggat, in Auchterless.

[2] "Trust me"—it may have been a Priest's Guide to his various duties at the altar.

[3] The original of this last paragraph is in English.

with him in the feu, and to the longer liver of them, and their heirs male legitimately between them, . . . whom failing to their heirs female . . . without division; whom failing to the nearest legitimate heirs of the said Andrew, and to his assigns whomsoever, all and whole our fishing of half a net of the Fords upon the Water of Dee with its profits and pertinents according to use and wont, lying within the liberty of the said burgh and sheriffdom of Abirdene, to be held . . . by the foresaid Andrew Buk and Matilda Mengzes, his wife . . . of us and our successors the chaplains of the said choir in hereditary feu and free burgage. . . . The foresaid Andrew and Metilda, their heirs and assigns, paying to us and our successors, or collectors for the time being, the sum of nine pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence, Scots, as the old rent, and six shillings and eight pence in augmentation of our yearly rent, being more than ever we or our predecessors got from those fishings, amounting in all to the sum of ten pounds. . . . Moreover by the tenor of those presents we make, constitute, and appoint our beloved Mr. George Middiltoun (and) David Mar, both conjointly or either of them singly, our irrevocable baillies in this matter, whom we bid and command to give sasine . . . of the said half-net of fishings at the Fords . . . to the foresaid Andrew Buk and Matilda Mengzes. . . . In faith and testimony of all which the common seal of our chapter is appended to this deed which contains within it our precept of sasine, and is confirmed by our manual subscriptions, at Aberdene, 1st March. 155^{8}_{9}, before witnesses: Alexander Cullen, Alexander Quhyit, Henry Naughty, Edward Donaldson, burgesses and inhabitants of the said burgh; William Philp, fisher; Sir John Lesly,[1] chaplain; Alexander Johnstoun, sergeant; Mr. John Kennedy and Mr. Andrew Leslye, notaries-public, with divers others. And so it is subscribed—

So it is, Sir John Collesoun, vicar, with my own hand; Mr. John Kennedy, Sir Robert Spark, James Barclay, Sir William Walcar, Sir John Wrycht, Sir John Geldsmyt, Sir Alexander Leslie, Sir John Blak, Sir Alexander Robertsoun, Mr. Edward Mengzeis.

[1] This is the most distinguished of all the chaplains whose names appear in the Chartulary—the famous historian and chaplain of Queen Mary, John Leslie, afterwards (1564-96) Bishop of Ross. He was at one time Parson of Oyne, in Aberdeenshire.

So it is, Mr. Thomas Mollisoun, notary-public and common clerk of the burgh of Aberdene, attesting that this is a true copy of the original feu charter made by the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas of Abirdene to the late Andrew Buk and Metilda Mengzes, his spouse, concerning the undermentioned fishings.[1]

[*The above is the last Charter contained in the Chartulary. There follow five blank pages, and then the singular entry following. It is in old French, and the handwriting is of the style of the earlier entries, differing considerably from the later ones.*]

THE POPE.

The Emperor of Constantin Noble.
The Emperor of Rome.
The King of France.
The King of Spaigne.
The King of Arragon.
The King King (*sic*) of Nauarre.
The King (of) Portingale.
The King (of) Da'nemarque.
The King of Zolbth.
The King of Nouergue.
The King of England.
The King of Scotland.

The King of Honguerie.
The King of Poland.
The King of Bahaigne.
The King of Cranathdamarth.
The King of Chipre.
The King of Cicile.
The King of Naples.

Prester John.
The King of Sarot.
The King of Lauroñ.
The King of Marchon.
The King of Menty.
The King of Cassy.
The King of Nyperie.
The King of Vibreuly.
The King of Karelle.
The King of Sannelat.

[1] The testing clause is written in a very different hand from the charter itself.

The King of Nordrebrodem.
The King of Sure.
The King destarsel (*sic*).
The King of Suluen.
The King of Daureneile.
The King of Suze.
The King of Bougre.
The King of Salba.
The King of Hakamerye.
The King of Disdrael.
The King of Lumeneñ.
The King of Tarize.
The King of Membelim.
The King of Harzem.[1]
The King of Colmen.
The King of Henenen.
The King of Halax.
The King of Bacon.
The King of Mustebell.
The King of Marmera.
The King of Dipsuly.
The King of Barguera.
The King of Coizemoñ.
The King of Compars.
The King of Farty.
The King Makeloze.
The King Didorie.
The King of Halacria.
The King of Senicya.
The King of Barberia.
The King of Lettoria.[2]

The Grand Cane of Castenne.[3]

The Sultan of Babilon.
The King of Moustru.
The King of Vrthebet.
The King of Comalanthe.
The King of Nangangrj.
The King of Pedollie.
The Emperor of Tartary.
The Emperor of Tarbysonde.
The Emperor of Sumestot.
The Emperor of Armenie.
The Emperor of Cynople.
The King of Cyquye.
The King of Nargase.
The King of Muguevelle.
The King of Cyngres.
The Grand Turk of Turquie.
The King of Gennyt.
The King of Dalmase.
The King of Darabye.
The King Percie.
The King of Mede.
The King of Ihestae.
The King of Gene.
The King of Magoñ.
The King of Hares.
The King of Cameront.
The King of Badale.
The King of Saubrican.
The King of Chanors.
The King of Samequin.
The King of Dangoria.
The King of Dalmasane.
The King Barbarie.

[1] In the margin: "Here are ye olifantis" (elephants).

[2] In the margin: "Christen with fyr ✠" (christened with fire, instead of water).

[3] In the margin: "hethynñe," heathen.

The King of Thonise.
The King of Foes.
The King of Balmerin.
The King of Sarahan.
The King of Senegay.
The King of Garnat.
The King of Dameloc.
The King of Cicia.
The King of Bacoñ.
The King of Capadosse.
The King of Rursie.
The King of Gorro.
The King Dastarie.
The King of Hammestioña.
The King of Tymor.
The King of Corquellj.
The King of Cynodoa.
The King of Massedonig.
The King of Caldonnye.
The King of Sydomie.
The King of Blondy.
The King of Caspy.
The King of Surie.
The King of Cappancie.
The King of Cauria.
The King of Malmalye.
The King of Hauriant.
The King of Daristar.
The King of Hart.
The King of Nellene.
The King of More.
The King of Galba.
The King of Mamelonē.
The King of Dalmeque.
The King of Cholomecque.
The King of Carie.
The King of Carpelye.
The King of Caldet.
The King of Mo'mye.
The King of Sarayñe.
The King of Gyrope.
The King of Faux.
The King Destrinent.
The King of Dol.
The King of Iopie.
The King Deizarell.
The King of Merie.
The King of Bazillie.

Mons. Rot (Robert ?) Pufflit, chevalier (?) of Lauduthie, a native of Garlies (?), has spent twenty-eight years verifying these Kingdoms.[1]

[*On the next page is written twice.*]

To all the sons of holy Mother Church, William Hay, Thomas Smith.

[1] See Note on next page.

NOTE.

Through the kindness of Principal Sir William Geddes I am able to present the opinions on the above list of some eminent scholars, Mr. W. W. S. Skeat, Professor W. Robertson Smith, Mr. Robert Neil, and the late distinguished historian Mr. Edward A. Freeman.

Mr. Skeat remarks that "many of the names represent kingdoms that never existed. The list is a mere piece of guesswork. Any known name could be used, however small the town, and it could be spelt or misspelt in any way. The whole thing is worthless except as a curiosity. Moreover other such collections exist. See *The Wars of Alexander*, Early English Text Society, Extra Series, 1887, pp. 276, 286, and *Morte Arthure*, Early English Text Society, p. 2." Notwithstanding this contemptuous estimate of its value, Mr. Skeat has taken the trouble to identify some of the names; his conclusions are as follows :—

9. Zolbth = Zweth = Sweth = Sweden (?).
16. Cranath damarth = (perhaps) Karinthia = march. March = boundary: *cf.* Denmark. Scottish MSS. usually write *th* for *ch*, and make *t* and *c* alike.
17. chipre = Cyprus.
18. cicille = Sicily.
20. Ptre Iohane = Prester John.
34. daureneile: *cf.* Auranitis, in Syria, south of Trachonitis.
35. suze = Susa.
36. bougre = Bulgaria.
37. salba = Sabba = Saba (Scotch *bb* is always written *lb*).
39. disdrael = d'Israel.
41. Tarize = Tarife (*s* or *z* for *f*) = Tarifa.
47. Bacon = Balkan (?).
49. Marmera = Marmora.
56. didorie = Iturea.
59. barberia = Barbary.
62. babilon = Babylon.
68. Tartarie = Tartary.
69. tarbysonde = Trebizond.
70. sumestot = Samosata.
71. Empereur darmenie = The Emperor of Armenia.
72. Empereur cynople = The Emperor of Sinope (Synople was an old name of this city).
77. Le grant tur de turquie = The Grand Turk of Turkey.
78. gennyt = Genet (?). (See art. *Jennet*, Skeat's Etymological Dictionary.)
79. dalmase = Dalmatia.
80. darabye = d'Arabia.
81. Percie = Persia.
82. Mede = Media.
92. dangorie = d'Angola (?).
94. barbaria = Barbary.
95. thonise = Tunis.
96. foes = Fez.

97. balmerin, a Moorish kingdom mentioned in Chaucer's *Prologue* and in Froissart.
98. sarahan = Sahara.
99. senygay = Senegal.
100. garnat = Granada.
104. capadosse = Cappadocia.
105. Rursie = Russia.
107. dastarie = d'Asturias.
112. Massedonig = Macedon.
113. caldonnye, for cal[ci]donie = Chalecdon[ia].
114. sydomie = Sidon.
116. Caspy = Caspia.
117. surie = Syria.
119. cauria = Caria. (See 130.)
120. malmalyc = Mameluke.
124. nellene = Hellene (?).

Professor Robertson Smith and Mr. Neil suggest the following:—

16. cranath damarth = Granada and Murcia.
22. lauron = Lor, a kingdom in Persia (*Marco Polo*, i. 15).
24. menti = Manzi.
25. cassy = Kinsay, also called Cassay. (See Yule's *Marco Polo*, ii. 196.)
33. suluen = Ceylon (otherwise found as Seilan and Sylen).
43. harzem = Chorasmia (Khwárizm, pronounced Khárizm, meaning, of course, the wide empire of Khwárizm Shah, which extended into India).
46. halax = Wallachia (*Marco Polo*, ii. 490).
61. Le grant Cane of Castenne = The great Caan of Cathay.
62. Le Soubdan of Babilon = The Sultan of Egypt (Babylon = Old Cairo).
63. Moustrou = Misru = Cairo (*st* representing the palatal *s*).
73. cyquye = Zecchia, a Ziqueia, Circassia.
76. cyngres = Genghiz Khan (?) (Timor is given below, 109).
83. Ihestae = Yezd.
84. gene = Jaen (?).
89. saubrican, probably for sambrican = Samarcand, or perhaps Sapur-gan (*Marco Polo*, i. 26).
93. dalmasene = Tilimsan, Tlemçen = Algeria. Other African states follow—Barbary, Tunis, Fez.
97. balmerin = the Balmerin, *i.e.*, Ba (Beni) Merin, the Merinid dynasty.
106. gorro = Novgorod (it follows Russia: Gara and Garat were names vaguely used for divisions of that country).
108. hamestiôna = Esthonia, with Norse *harum* prefixed.
125. more = Morea (it follows nellene = the country of the Hellenes).
133. sarayne = Sarai, on the Volga, above Astrachan.

Mr. Freeman writes characteristically as follows from Weymouth, July 29, 1888: "That is a passing queer list of kings. Of some I can make nothing, and some that are intelligible seem to come over several times. Who is 'le Roy disdrael,' 'le Roy de Bacon,'

'le Roy de Mustebell'? I daresay all may be made out, but here I have not a map to help me. Mark the way in which the *d* first gets joined to the word, and then gets added again, as 'Roy de darabye,' like 'The Alcoran,' or 'Cherubi*ms*'. 'Zolbth' is a very odd form of 'Sweden,' but it would seem by exhaustion that there is nothing else for it to be. I can make nothing of 'cranath damarth,' the only European name that seems hopeless. 'Cicille' and 'Naples' distinctly point to the time when the two Sicilian kingdoms were not joined again—Naples a convenient description of that *citra Pheram.*

"Who are the emperors? 'Tartarie, Tarbyzonde (τραπεζοῦντα), Cynople.' Is that Constantinople again? Is Armenia ever called empire elsewhere? and who on earth is 'lempereur de sumestot,' as if the Under-king of the Sumorsetas had become Bretwalda? Why not, as well as 'Emperor of Austria'?"

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

CHARTERS AND OTHER WRITS RELATIVE TO FEU-DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAINS OF S. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, ETC.

A.

From the Charter Room of the Town Council of Aberdeen.

I.

Charter by John de Kyngorne, vicar, to the vicar and chaplains, of three feu-duties or annual rents, 4th February, $143\frac{8}{9}$. Printed vol. i. p. 113; vol. ii. p. 102.

II.

Charter by Mathew Fechat, burgess, to the chaplains of the Altar of S. Michael of sundry feu-duties, 18th July, 1462. Printed vol. i. p. 87; vol. ii. p. 79.

II[2].

Charter by William Scherar, burgess, to the chaplain at the Altar of SS. Duthac and Bridget of two pieces of ground and sundry feu-duties for the benefit of the altar and succeeding chaplains, 31st July, 1464. Printed (in part) vol. i. p. 19; vol. ii. p. 17.

III.

Charter by John Knollis, burgess, to chaplains of Altar of S. John the Baptist of two feu-duties, 9th October, 1486. Printed vol. i. p. 83; vol. ii. p. 76.

IV.

Charter by Mariota Bynne, spouse of Andrew Pery, dwelling in Cupar-Angus, to Richard Craufurd, of a tenement in Shiprow burdened with the feu-duties of 6*s.* 8*d.*, and 4*s.* payable to the chaplain of the Altar of S. Katherine Virgin, within the Church of S. Machar, 24th April, 1487.

V.

Sasine under the hand of John Stirueling, notary public, to Sir David Waus, vicar of Banff, of an annual rent of 20*s*. from a tenement in the Shiprow belonging to John Menzies, burgess, and his spouse, Margaret Waus, 3rd February, 1488-9.

VI.

Sasine under the hand of Walter Falconer, notary public, to Mr. Andrew Liel, Treasurer of Aberdeen, of an annual rent of 40*s*. out of the lands of Auchgwyok, and Ardnabo, lying within the barony of Findown, in the county of Kincardine, granted by William Kyntor, burgess, proprietor of these lands, 16th August, 1491.

VII.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Iohannes Knollis burgensis de Aberdene salutem . . . Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . carissimo filio meo Iohanni totam et integram illam terram meam cum suis pertinenciis Iacentem infra villam de Aberdene in vico de le gaste Raw . . . ex occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terram heredum quondam Murdaci glastir ex parte australi ex parte vna et terram dicti carissimi filii mei ex parte boreali ex parte altera Quamquidem terram . . . inhabito et ab . . . David blabir acquesiui . . . Tenendam . . . in feodo et hereditate ac in libero burgagio . . . a me . . . Reddendo . . . heredibus vel assignatis quondam laurencii leith annuatim viginti solidos . . . Insuper Noueritis me dedisse . . . dicto carissimo filio meo Iohanni Knollis antedicto . . . Imperpetuum totum et integrum Ius et Iuris clameum patronatus michi spectantes Altaris sanctissimi precursoris domini nostri Ihesu christi beati Iohannis baptiste situati In ecclesia parochiali gloriosissimi patroni beati Nicholaij dicti burgi Et dictum patronatum in personam dicti Iohannis . . . transtulisse . . . In cuius Rei testimonium Sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee vna cum sigillo prouidi viri Andree cullane junioris vnius balliuorum burgi de Aberdene ac datoris sasine dicti terre cum suis pertinenciis discreto viro marco stot actornato supradicti Iohannis filii mei sunt appensa apud burgum de Aberdene decima die mensis Septembris Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonogesimo secundo Presentibus ibidem prouidis et discretis viris Iohanne more Iohanne grig Willelmo futhes Andrea murison burgensibus dicti burgi gilberto scroggis Philippo Dunbrek vno seriandorum dicti burgi et magistro Iohanne Baidenagh vicario de gamery Notario publico testibus et aliis diuersis, etc.

Abstract of VII.

John Knollis, burgess of Aberdeen, grants to his son John his land on the W. side of the "Gaste raw," between the land of the late Murdoch Glastir's heirs on the S. and the land of the said son John on the N.; said land presently occupied by the granter, acquired from David Blabir: to be held from the granter: paying therefor to the late Lawrence Leith's heirs 20*s.* yearly. Also the patronage of the Altar of S. John Baptist in S. Nicholas' Church. Sealed by the granter: Andrew Cullane, junior, baillie, and giver of sasine of the said land to Mark Stot, attorney of the grantee: at Aberdeen, 10th September, 1492. Witnesses: John More, John Grig, William Futhes, Andrew Murison, burgesses; Gilbert Scroggis, Philip Dunbrek, one of the sergeants; and Mr. John Baidenagh, vicar of Gamery, Notary Public, etc.

VIII.

Vniversis et Singulis ad quorum noticiam presentes litere peruenerint Alexander Rede prepositus thomas fyf Alexander chamer Iohannes menzeis et dauid prat balliui burgi de Abirdene Eternam in domino Salutem . . . Coram nobis in pretorio eiusdem protribunali sedentibus die lune decimo quinto die mensis Aprilis Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo tertio . . . Accessit ad berram discretus vir dominus matheus nicholaij capellanus altaris beati petri Apostoli infra ecclesiam parochialem beati nicholaij dicti burgi situati et petiit a communi clerico tres processus per ipsum legittime productos in tribus capitalibus curiis precedentibus perlegi super recuperatione possessionis et proprietatis cuiusdam terre Iacentis in vico furcarum ex orientali parte eiusdem vici inter terram quondam Walteri pyot ex australi ex vna et terram olim thome crovdane ex boreali partibus ab altera et communes vias regias versus oriens et occidens in defectu solutionis vnius annui Redditus viginti solidorum vsualis monete Scotie sibi de eadem terra cum pertinenciis annuatim debiti et a longo tempore non soluti . . . Quibusquidam . . . perlectis . . . decretum fuit per curiam et datum pro iudicio per os Iohannis williamsone Indicatoris curie quod dictus capellanus proprietatem et possessionem dicte terre legittime recuperauit ob et propter defectum solutionis annui redditus prenotati Super quibus omnibus et singulis dictus capellanus nostras literas testimoniales Sigillis nostris sigillatas reuerencia debita petiit et requisiuit quas eidem caritatiue concessimus Coram honorabilibus et famosis viris Alexandro Rede preposito domino Iohanne rutherfurde de terlane milite Alexandro menzeis thoma prat Iohanne

Wormet Willelmo blinsele Willelmo Kintor burgensibus Philippo dunbrek Andrea nachty thoma Iamesone et duncano stralocht sergeandis cum diuersis aliis.[1]

Et ego Johannes Stirueling presbyter Sanctandreane dioceseos publicus auctoritatibus imperiali et regali notarius, etc.

Abstract of VIII.

On 5th April, 1493, in presence of Alexander Rede, provost, Thomas Fyf, Alexander Chamer, John Menzies, and David Prat, baillies, sitting in the baillie court, compeared at the bar Sir Mathew Nicholson, chaplain of the Altar of S. Peter in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, and requested the clerk to read three processes, produced at three previous head courts, anent a claim to a land on the E. of the Gallowgate, between the late Walter Pyot's land on the S., the land formerly Thomas Crouden's on the N., and the King's high ways on the E. and W., in default of payment of an annual rent of 20*s*., payable yearly therefrom, and long overdue: which being read, the court decreed, and caused to be proclaimed by John Williamsone, crier, that the said claim had been established; and granted letters testifying thereto. Witnesses: Alexander Rede, provost; Sir John Rutherfurde of Terlane, Knight; Alexander Menzeis, Thomas Prat, John Wormet, William Blinsele, William Kintore, burgesses; Philip Dunbrek, Andrew Nachty, Thomas Jamesone, Duncan Stralocht, sergeants, etc.

All certified by John Stirveling, notary public, etc.

IX.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . dominus Andreas gray capellanus perpetuus altaris beati michaelis Archangeli infra ecclesiam beati nicholaij de abirdene situati . . . Salutem . . . noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . curato et capellanis collegii ecclesie parochialis beati nicholaj de Abirdene . . . totos et integros . . . vnum annuum redditum trisdecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum annuatim leuandum de tribus croftis Iohannis collisone collateraliter Iacentibus le lange riggis vocatis in territorio croftorum dicti burgi ex boreali parte eiusdem inter croftum dauid prat ex australi ex vna et croftum Andree murray ex boreali partibus ab altera Et vnum annuum redditum sex solidorum et octo denariorum vsualis monete scotie de alio crofto dicti Iohannis le lochefeld vocato Iacente ex occidentali parte vie regie qua itur ad canoniam a dicto burgo et croftum Andree Culane ex australi et communem viam regiam ex boreali Tenendos . . . in puram ac perpetuam

[1] Seal of Chamer, Menzeis, and Prat complete; one tag empty.

Elymosinam . . . celebrando inde dicti curatus et capellani et sui successores pro salute anime mee et animarum quondam Roberti gray et Elene sponse sue parentum meorum . . . ad dictum altare vnam missam de nomine Ihesu saluatoris nostri Necnon capellanus perpetuus dicti altaris post decessum meum annuatim singulis annis futuris in die obitus mei exequias viz placebo et dirige et missam de Requie celebrabit . . . In cuius Rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee Sigillum meum et sigillum prouidi viri Andree culane vnius balliuorum dicti burgi sunt appensa apud Abirdene vicesimo primo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo tertio Coram discretis prouidis et famosis viris Alexandro fif domino Willelmo moresone curato dominis Iohanne Strauchin matheo nicholsone Iohanne prat Alexandro gray capellanis dicti collegii magistro Andrea craufurde Willelmo colp Andrea nachty sergeando et domino Iohanne Stirueling presbitro ac notario publico.

Abstract of IX.

Sir Andrew Gray, perpetual chaplain of the Altar of S. Michael, grants to the curate and chaplains of the college of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas an annual rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* from three crofts, the "lang rigs," belonging to John Collisone, and lying in the N. part of the zone of crofts, between David Prat's croft on the S. and Andrew Murray's croft on the N.; and an annual rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* from another croft of John Collisone's, the "lochfield," lying to the W. of the king's highway that leads to the Chanonry, and [between] Andrew Culane's croft on the S. and the king's highway on the N.: to be held in pure and perpetual alms: celebrating therefor, for the souls of the granter and his parents, Robert Gray and Elen, his spouse, a mass of the Name of Jesus, and yearly after the granter's decease on the day of his death, obsequies, viz.: *Placebo* and *Dirige* and a requiem Mass. Sealed by the granter and Andrew Culane, baillie, at Aberdeen, 21st October, 1493. Witnesses: Alexander Fif, Sir William Moreson, curate; Sirs John Strauchin, Mathew Nicholsone, John Prat, Alexander Gray, chaplains; Mr. Andrew Craufurde, William Colp, Andrew Nachty, sergeant; and John Stirueling, priest and notary public.

X.

In dei Nomine Amen . . . Anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo Nonagesimo octauo mensis vero Octobris die vicesimo tertio . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constituti Iohannes litster burgensis de Aberdene et agnes

Club sponsa sua . . . vnum annuum redditum sex solidorum . . . de totis et integris terris suis Iacentibus in vico viridi inter torrentem ad molendinum Inferius discendentem ex orientali ex vna et terram fratrum carmelitarum ex occidentali partibus ab altera et communem viam regiam versus boriam In manibus prouidi viri Andree Cullane senioris vnius balliuorum dicti burgi . . . resignarunt Et consequenter Idem balliuus . . . sasinam successoriam totius et Integri annui redditus prelibati cum suis pertinentiis domino Andree Couper collectori ac procuratorio nomine capellanorum ecclesie parochialis beati nicholaij dicti burgi deliberauit . . . Acta erant hec super solum dicte terre. . . .

Et ego Iohannes Stirueling, etc.

Abstract of X.

On 23rd October, 1498, compeared John Litster, burgess, and Agnes Club, his spouse, and resigned an annual rent of 6*s*. from their lands in the Green between the burn that descends to the Nether Mill on the E., the land of the Carmelite Friars on the W., and the king's bighway on the N., into the hands of Andrew Cullane, elder, baillie; who thereupon gave sasine thereof to Andrew Couper, collector for the chaplains of the Church of S. Nicholas.

All certified by John Stirveling, N.P.

XI.

Vniversis et singulis ad quorum noticiam presentes litere peruenerint thomas leslie Johannes mar Iohannes collisoun et Iohannes Ratre balliui burgi de Aberdene Eternam in domino salutem . . . Coram nobis in pretorio eiusdem protribunali sedentibus octauo die mensis Ianuarij anno domini millesimo quingentesimo tertio . . . accessit ad barram discretus vir dominus Iohannes prat capellanus ac procurator altarium Sanctorum crucis thome et georgei martiris infra ecclesiam parochialem sancti nicholaii dicti burgi situatorum et petiit a clerico communi tres processus per ipsum legittime productos in tribus curiis capitalibus precedentes perlegi super recuperatione cuiusdem terre waste quondam Willelmi buchan jacentis infra dictum burgum in vico caustri inter terram Iohannis Ratre ex australi ex vna et commune viam regiam ex boreali partibus ab altera et terram Alexandri mathesoun versus occidens et portam communem versus oriens In defectu solutionis vnius annui redditus quatuor solidorum sibi et dicto altari sancti crucis a longo tempore debiti et non soluti Et in defectu solutionis

vnius annui redditus trisdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum sibi et dicto altari beatorum thome et georgei a longo tempore debiti et non soluti Quibus . . . perlectis . . . decretum fuit per curiam et datum pro Iudicio ex ore Alexandri Iofrasoun Indicatoris curie quod dictus dominus Iohannes proprietatem et possessionem prefate terre cum pertinentiis legitime recuperauit propter defectum solutionis prefatorum annuorum reddituum Super quibus omnibus et singulis dictus procurator nomine procuratorio quo supra has nostras literas testimoniales sigillis nostris Roboratas vna cum subscriptione notarii publici subscripti reuerencia debita petiit quas eidem caritatiue concessimus presentibus honorabilibus et famosis viris Alexandro mengzeis preposito Andrea cullan dauid mar Alexandro gray patricio leslie magistro Andrea cadiow Dauid Straloth burgensibus dicti burgi Willelmo scrimgeour et Andrea nauchty sergeandis. . . . [1]

Et ego Johannes Stirueling, etc.

Abstract of XI.

On 8th January, $150\frac{3}{4}$, in presence of Thomas Leslie, John Mar, John Collisoun, and John Ratre, baillies, sitting in the baillie court, compeared at the bar Sir John Prat, chaplain of the Altars of the Holy Rood and of SS. Thomas and George, Martyr, in the Parish Church of S. Nicholas, and requested the clerk to read three processes, produced at three previous head courts, anent a claim to the late William Buchan's waste land in the Castlegate, between John Ratre's land on the S., the king's highway on the N., Alexander Mathesoun's land on the W., and the common port on the E., in default of payment of an annual rent of 4*s*. payable to him and the said Altar of the Holy Rood, and of an annual rent of 13*s*. 4*d*. payable to him and the said Altar of SS. Thomas and George, both long overdue: which being read, the court decreed, and caused to be proclaimed by Alexander Jofrasoun, crier, that the said claim had been established, and granted letters testifying thereto. Witnesses: Alexander Mengzeis, provost; Andrew Cullan, David Mar, Alexander Gray, Patrick Leslie, Mr. Andrew Cadiow, David Straloth, burgesses; William Scrimgeour and Andrew Nauchty, sergeants.

All certified by John Stirveling, N.P., etc.

XII.

Charter by Malcolm Crag, burgess of Aberdeen, to Mr. William Strathathin, rector of the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary ad Nives in the University

[1] Seals of Mar, Collison, and Leslie extant.

of Aberdeen, of an annual rent of 20*s.* out of a tenement on the north side of Castle Street, 5th June, 1505.

XIII.

In Nomine domini Amen . . . Anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinto mensis vero Iunii die vicesimo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Iohannes cullane burgensis burgi de Aberdene . . . annuum redditum decem solidorum . . . de tota et integra terra heredum quondam Willelmi anderson jacente in vico furcarum dicti burgi ex parte occidentali eiusdem vici inter terram quondam Mathei massy ex boreali ex vna et terram quondam Willelmi anderson ex australi partibus ab altera et communes vias Regias versus occidens et oriens per vnum denarium In manibus prouidi viri Thome Waus vnius balliuorum de Aberdene . . . resignauit Et . . . prefatus balliuus sasinam successoriam discreto viro domino Iohanni Striueling capellano altaris beate Katherine virginis situati in ecclesia parochiali dicti burgi fundati per quondam bone memorie Thomam chamor . . . deliberauit secundum tenorem carte sibi desuper confecte pro excambio vnius annui redditus decem solidorum dicto capellano et suis successoribus debito de quadam terra Iacenti ex australi parte domus piorum et Religiosorum virorum fratrum minorum infra dictum burgum Insuper prefatus Iohannes cullane Resignauit in manibus prefati balliui vnum annuum redditum decem solidorum de tota et integra terra sua Iacenti in le hukstar raw dicti burgi ex australi parte eiusdem vici inter terram quondam Willelmi buchane ex orientali ex vna et communem viam Regiam ex orientali [*sic*] partibus . . . Idem balliuus . . . sasinam . . . prefato domino Johanni strivueling . . . exhibuit . . . Acta fuerunt hoc infra burgum de Aberdene et apud dictas terras hora vndecima ante merediem . . . presentibus ibidem circumspectis viris Andrea cullane Iohanne Waus Duncano colison andrea louson burgensibus de Aberdene Alexandro Inglis Willelmo still Willelmo couper Andrea farquhar vna cum Willelmo scrymgeour et Andrea naghty duobus seriandorum dicti burgi cum aliis testibus. . . .

Et ego Iohannes Baidenagh clericus Aberdonensis dioceseos Imperiali et Regali auctoritatibus notarius publicus, etc.

Abstract of XIII.

On 20th June, 1505, at 11 A.M., compeared John Cullane, burgess, and resigned an annual rent of 10*s.* from the land of the late William Anderson's

heirs, lying on the W. side of the Gallowgate, between the late Mathew Massy's land on the N., the late William Anderson's land on the S., and the king's highways on the W. and E., into the hands of Thomas Waus, baillie; who thereupon granted sasine thereof to Sir John Striveling, chaplain of the Altar of S. Katherine founded in the Parish Church by Thomas Chamor, according to the tenor of a charter providing for the excambion of an annual rent of 10*s*. belonging to the said chaplain from lands lying to the S. of the buildings of the Minor Friars. Further, the said John Cullane resigned an annual rent of 10*s*. from his land on the S. side of the Huxter-raw, between the late William Buchan's land on the E. and the king's highway on the E. [?], into the hands of the said baillie, who infeft the said Sir John Striveling therein. Witnesses: Andrew Cullane, John Waus, Duncan Collison, Andrew Lowson, burgesses; Alexander Inglis, William Still, William Couper, Andrew Farquhar; William Scrymgeour, and Andrew Naghty, sergeants.

All certified by John Baidenagh, N.P.

XIV.

In dei Nomine Amen . . . anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinto mensis vero nouembris die tertia . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus Iohannes Patre vnus balliuorum burgi de Abirdene de speciali mandato Alexandri Red burgensis dicti burgi sasinam successoriam vnius annui Redditus viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum annuatim leuandi de tota et integra terra tam subteriore quam superiore quondam Walteri atkin Iacenti infra dictum burgum in le chakaraw inter terram quondam gilberti Waus de many ex orientali ex vna et communem viam Regiam ex occidentali partibus ab altera et terram quondam Thome prat versus boream et communem viam Regiam versus austrum Et alterius annui Redditus trisdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum vsualis monete scocie annuatim percipiendi de quadam terra quondam patricii nicholsoun pistoris Iacenti infra dictum burgum in vico furcarum ex occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terram Iohannis cullan ex australi ex vna et terram Iohannis collisoun ex boreali partibus ab altera et communem viam Regiam versus oriens et terram Iohannis moir versus occidens . . . domino Iohanni Reid capellano . . . deliberauit ad celebranda diuina suffragia pro salute anime dicti Alexandri anime quondam mariore cullan sponse sue parentum suorum benefactorum ac omni fidelium defunctorum ad altare sancti cristofori infra ecclesiam perrothialem dicti burgi situati secundum tenorem carte sue desuper confectis Saluo jure cuiuslibet . . . Acta erant hec super solum

dictarum terrarum hora quasi duodecima in meredie . . . presentibus Ibidem famosis et discretis viris dominis dauid Leis Iohanne blak et dauid Liell capellanis Dauid talzour thoma stralocht burgensibus Et Andrea nauchty seriando. . . .

Et ego Iohannes Strieling, etc.

Abstract of XIV.

On 3rd November, 1505, at noon, compeared John Patre, baillie, special mandatory of Alexander Red, burgess, and did infeft Sir John Reid, chaplain, in an annual rent of *26s. 8d.* from the late Walter Atkin's land in the Chakeraw, between the late Gilbert Waus' land on the E., the late Thomas Prat's land on the N., and the king's highways on the W. and S.; and in another annual rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* from the late Patrick Nicholsoun's land on the W. side of the Gallowgate between John Cullan's land on the S., John Collisoun's land on the N., John Moir's land on the W., and the king's highway on the E.: for the celebration of services for the souls of the said Alexander, his late spouse, Marjory Cullan, etc., at the Altar of S. Christopher within the Parish Church. Witnesses: Sirs David Leis, John Blak and David Liell, chaplains; David Talzour, Thomas Stralocht, burgesses; and Andrew Nauchty, sergeant, etc.

All certified by John Striveling, N.P.

XV.

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . Alexander Mathesone burgensis burgi de Abirdenne ac verus legittimus et Indubitatus patronus altaris sancti cristoferij martiris infra ecclesiam parrochialem dicti burgi situati ac filius et heres quondam mariorie cullane Eternam in domine Salutem . . . Noueritis me in augmentum diuini cultus honorem dei omnipotentis beatissime virginis marie beati cristoferi et omnium sanctorum pro salute animarum quondam dictis mariorie cullan matris mee et Alexandri Reid de petfodellis sponsi sui . . . dedisse . . . discreto viro domino Andree chamer capellano perpetuo dicti altaris totos et integros annuos redditus meos subscriptos viz vnum annuum Redditum decim solidorum annuatim leuandum de tota et integra illa terra quondam Roberti Eriot Jacente in vico furcarum ex orientali parte eiusdem inter terram quondam thome Schethin ex australi ex vna et aliam terram dicti quondam Roberti ex boreali partibus ab altera Vnum annuum redditum quadraginta denariorum annuatim exeuntem de terra tam anteriore quam Interiore quondam thome gilespy ex occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terram quondam Walteri

thomsone ex australi et terram Jacobi colisoun ex boreali Et vnum annuum redditum viginti solidorum vsualis monete scocie de terra mea propria tam anteriore quam Interiore Jacente ex occidentali parte dicti vici inter terram quondam cristini litstar ex australi ex vna et terram walteri wod ex boreali partibus ab altera Tenendos . . . a me . . . in puram et perpetuam Elimosinam . . . Faciendo inde dictus dominus Andreas et sui Successores capellani perpetui prefati altaris diuina suffragia debita et consueta ad Idem perpetuis temporibus futuris pro salute animarum predictarum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum et sigillum honorabilis viri thome leslie vnuis balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris sasine huiusmodi annuorum reddituum prefato domino Andree sunt appensa apud eundem burgum decimo octauo die mensis februarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto Coram prouidis et famosis viris Andrea litstar roberto murray dauid straloche Wilhelmo mathesoun georgio dolloche Alexandro porter burgensibus Normanno lesly Willelmo scrimgeour et Johanne cuk sergeandis Ac domino Johanne stirueling Notario publico.

Abstract of XV.

Alexander Matheson, burgess, and patron of the Altar of S. Christopher in the Parish Church, son and heir of the late Marjory Cullane—for the welfare of the souls of his said mother and her spouse, Alexander Reid of Petfodellis—grants to Sir Andrew Chalmer, chaplain of the said altar, an annual rent of 10*s.* from the late Robert Eriot's land on the E. of the Gallowgate, between the late Thomas Schethin's land on the S. and the said Robert's land on the N.; an annual rent of 40*d.* from the late Thomas Gilespy's land on the W. of the said street, between the late Walter Thomsone's land on the S. and James Colisoun's land on the N.; and an annual rent of 20*s.* from the granter's land on the W. of the said street between the late Cristinus Litstar's land on the S. and Walter Wod's land on the N.: to be held in alms from the granter: performing therefor the usual services. Sealed by the granter, and by Thomas Leslie, baillie, and giver of sasine: at Aberdeen, 8th February, $150\frac{6}{7}$. Witnesses: Andrew Litstar, Robert Murray, David Straloche, William Mathesoun, George Dolloche, Alexander Porter, burgesses; Norman Leslie, William Scrimgeour, and John Cuk, sergeants; and Sir John Stirveling, notary.

XVI.

In dei Nomine Amen . . . anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quingentesimo septimo mensis vero februarii die vndecimo . . . In mei notarij publici et testium Infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus

venerabilis vir magister Wilhelmus strathathin rector ecclesie beatissime virginis marie ad Niues . . . vnum annuum redditum viginti solidorum . . . de tota et integra terra anteriore malcomi crage burgensis de Abirdene Jacente infra dictum burgum in vico castri ex boreali parte eiusdem vici inter terram quondam Willelmum nicholsone ex orientali ex vna et terram dauidis Kintor ex occidentali partibus ab altera et communem viam regiam versus austrum et terram interiorem quondam rannaldi tailzour versus boream In manibus honorabilis viri Willelmi portar vnius balliuorum dicti burgi resignauit . . . ad dandum sasinam successoriam eiusdem curato et capellanis chori ecclesie parrochialis dicti burgi Et consequenter dictus balliuus . . . sasinam . . . domino Willelmo couper collectori ac procuratori dictorum capellanorum . . . deliberauit secundum tenorem carte inde sibi conficiende pro vno anniuersio annuatim celebrando . . . Acta erant hec super solum dicte terre hora quasi vndecima ante merediem . . . presentibus Ibidem prouidis et honestis viris Alexandro gray Wilhelmo cheishame Dauid strathathin Dauid grig Willelmo gray Johanne riburne Andrea smitht Andrea hale burgensibus et Willelmo scrimgeour sergeando. . . .

Et ego Johannes Stirueling, etc.

Abstract of XVI.

On 11th February, 150$^{7}_{8}$, at 11 A.M., compeared Mr. William Strathathin, Parson of the Church of the Blessed Virgin ad Nives,[1] and resigned an annual rent of 20*s.* from the foreland of Malcolm Crage, burgess, on the N. side of the Castlegate, between the late William Nicholsone's land on the E., David Kintor's land on the W., the king's highway on the S., and the late Rannald Tailzour's land on the N., into the hands of William Portar, baillie; who thereupon granted sasine therefore to Sir William Coupar, collector for the chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church, according to the tenor of a charter providing for the celebration of an anniversary. Witnesses: Alexander Gray, William Cheishame, David Strathathin, David Grig, William Gray, John Riburne, Andrew Smith, Andrew Hale, burgesses; and William Scrimgeour, sergeant.

All certified by John Stirueling, N.P., etc.

XVII.

Sasine of a sixth part of a tenement on the north side of Castle Street on the resignation of Christina Blinseill, one of the heirs of the late Mr. John Baidienagh, Vicar of Gemry, with consent of her husband, Duncan Collison, to Mr. John Fleschear, Chancellor of Aberdeen, 11th July, 1516.

[1] See *Transactions of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society*, part i.

XVIII.

In dei Nomine Amen . . . anno Incarnationis millesimo quingentesimo decimo octauo die mensis maii decimo sexto . . . In mei notarii publici infrascripti testiumque infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honestus vir dominus thomas Wryt cappellanus . . . resignauit totam et integram terram suam cum suis pertinenciis Jacentem in vico furcarum ex orientali parte eiusdem vici inter terram Alexandri gray ex boreali parte ex vna et terram roberti piper ex australi partibus ab altera et communem viam regiam ex occidentali et orientali partibus et communes vias regias [*sic*] In manibus prouidi viri Alexandri menzes vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ad dandam sasinam et possessionem hereditariam venerabili viro magistro thome chamer cappellano perpetuo altaris beate marie virginis et sancti Joseff situati in ecclesia parrothiali beati nicolaii de abirden et suis successoribus capellanis dicti altaris pro diuinis seruiciis pro ipso et patre ac matre eiusdem . . . Et consequenter balliuus . . . sasinam contulit . . . secundum tenorem carte Inde conficiende . . . Acta erant hec super solum dicte terre hora sexta post merediem . . . Presentibus honorabilibus viris Alexandro king burgensi de Abirdene domino iohanne cuming capellano Waltero cadio Willelmo meldrum alias et Waltero allasone alias saneral sergeando. . . .

Et ego Henricus Rust clericus Aberdonensis dioceseos sacra apostolica autoritate notarius publicus. . . .

Abstract of XVIII.

On 16th May, 1518, at 6 P.M., compeared Thomas Wryt, chaplain, and resigned his land on the E. of the Gallowgate, between Alexander Gray's land on the N., Robert Piper's land on the S., and the king's highways on the W. and E., into the hands of Alexander Menzes, baillie; who thereupon granted sasine thereof to Mr. Thomas Chamer, chaplain of the Altar of the Virgin and S. Joseph, in the Church of S. Nicholas, according to the tenor of a charter providing for the performance of services for the granter and his parents. Witnesses: Alexander King, burgess; Sir John Cuming, chaplain; Walter Cadio, William Meldrum, alias ; and Walter Allasone, alias "Saneral," sergeant.

All certified by Henry Rust, Notary Public, etc.

XIX.

Sasine to Sir John Waus, chaplain of Altar of Jesus, of tenement belonging to John Arthour, 14th August, 1520. (Printed in vol. i. p. 144; vol. ii. p. 128.)

XX.

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . Johannes Colisone burgensis de Abirdene Eternam in domino Salutem . . . Noueritis me in honorem dei omnipotentis eiusdemque intemerate genitricis marie omniumque sanctorum pro salute anime mee anime elezabeth leslie sponse mee animabus patris matris mee proliumque parentum et benefactorum meorum eorumque . . . dedisse prouidis et discretis viris Curato et capellanis chori ecclesie parrochialis diui Nicholaij de Abirdene vnum annuum Redditum vigenti solidorum annuatim . . . de totis et integris terris meis Jacentibus infra burgum de Abirdene in vico furcarum ex occidentali parte eiusdem inter terram quondam agnetis bouquhen[1] ex australi ex vna terram quondam georgii saidlar ex boreali partibus ab altera communem viam regiam versus oriens Tenendum . . . a me de supremo domino nostro rege . . . in puram et perpetuam elimosinam . . . Faciendo . . . dicti curatus capellani et eorum successores annuatim celebrabunt ad altare diui michaelis infra dictam ecclesiam vnum anniuersarium siue exequias defunctorum viz placebo et dirige prima vigilia proximi festi diem sepulture mee immediate sequentis ac missam de nota in eodem festo cum ceteris missis trigintalibus per ebdomadam sequentem et moris est pro salute animarum predictarum . . . Et demum collector dictorum capellanorum qui pro tempore fuerit proconem cum campana manuali totum opidum preire faciet in dicta vigilia vt incitetur populus ad orandum pro anima mea et pro animabus predictis tabulam super monumentum meum ponet quod pallio decente cooperiet luminaria cerea inueniet sacristam dicte ecclesie companas trina vice ad hujusmodi exequias et similiter ad missam pulsare faciet ceteraque omnia alia et singula in similibus anniuersariis vsitata et consueta adimplebit . . . In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium Sigillum meum vna cum sigillo honorabilis viris thome chavmer vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris sasine presentibus sunt appensa apud eundem quinto die mensis octobris Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo Coram testibus Magistros dauid Menzes thoma chavmer dauid nicholsone sacerdotibus et notariis publicis Johanne Vsschart Johanne linsay burgensibus de abirdene Dauid herroun et Waltero saweray seriandis, etc.

Abstract of XX.

John Colison, burgess, for the welfare of the souls of himself, of Elizabeth Leslie, his spouse, of his parents, etc., grants to the curate and chaplains of

[1] Given as *buchquhen* in the sasine.

the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas an annual rent of 20*s*. from his lands on the W. of the Gallowgate, between the late Agnes Bouquhen's land on the S., the late George Saidlar's land on the N., and the king's highway on the E.: to be held from him, of the king, in pure alms: celebrating therefor at the Altar of S. Michael an anniversary, viz.: *placebo* and *dirige* on the vigil of the feast succeeding the day of my burial, and a mass *de nota* on the same feast, with other masses during the ensuing week. And the collector of the chaplains shall cause a crier with a handbell to go through the town inviting all people to pray for the souls aforesaid, and shall place a table with a proper cover over the granter's tomb, and shall furnish wax lights, and shall cause the sacrist to ring the church bells thrice at the anniversary and at the mass, and shall do all other things customary at anniversaries. Signed by the granter and by Thomas Chaumer, baillie, and granter of sasine, at Aberdeen, 5th October, 1520. Witnesses: Mr[s]. David Menzes, Thomas Chaumer, David Nicholsone, priests and notaries; John Usschart, John Linsay, burgesses; David Herroun and Walter Saweray, sergeants.

XXI.

Sasine on the last under the hand of David Nicholson, Notary, 5th October, 1520.

XXII.

Sasine on resignation of Mr. John Cuming, Prebendary of Deir and Canon of the Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, to Andrew Stratoun, of a tenement on the east side of the Gallowgate, 15th November, 1521.

XXII[2].

In dei Nomine Amen . . . Anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo primo mensis vero marcii die octauo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Patricius leslie vnius balliuorum de Abirdene virtute sui officii contulit statum possessionem et sasinam hereditariam vnius annui redditus quinque solidorum annuatim exeuntem et leuandum de tota et integra terra quondam Johannis Watsoun Jacente infra dictum burgum in vico furcarum ex occidentali parte eiusdem inter terram capellanorum ecclesie cathediralis de Abirdene ex australi ex vna terram quondam Johannis myll ex boreali partibus ab altera communes vias regias versus oriens et occidens Prouido viro domino Johanni waus capellano procuratori et eo nomine roberti stevinsone . . . Et consequenter idem procurator de mandato ipsius domini

principalis eundem annuum redditum quinque solidorum in manibus eiusdem balliui resignauit in fauorem capellanorum chori ecclesie parochialis abirdonensis et demum idem balliuus contulit possessionem et sasinam hereditariam hujusmodi annui redditus discreto viro Dauid Waus capellano . . . Acta erant hec super solum dicte terre hora circiter decima ante meridiem . . . Presentibus honorabilibus viris Alexandro setoun de meldrum thoma menzes de petfodellis Johanne leslie de warderis Johanne andersoun burgensibus de Abirdene Dauid herroun et Waltero saweray sergiandis testibus.[1]

Et ego Dauid nicholsone artium professor presbiterque Abirdonensis dioceseos Sacra apostolica auctoritate notarius publicus. . . .

Abstract of XXII[2].

On 8th March, $152\frac{1}{2}$, about 10 A.M., compeared Patrick Leslie, baillie, and granted sasine of an annual rent of 5*s*. from the late John Watsoun's land on the W. of the Gallowgate, between the land of the chaplains of the Cathedral on the S., the land of John Myll on the N., and the king's highways on the E. and W., to John Waus, chaplain, and procurator for Robert Stevinsone; and the said procurator resigned the said annual rent into the hands of the said baillie, who thereupon granted sasine thereof to David Waus, chaplain, for behoof of the chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church. Witnesses: Alexander Setoun of Meldrum, Thomas Menzes of Petfodellis, John Leslie of Wardens, John Anderson, burgesses; David Herroun, and Walter Saweray, sergeants.

All certified by David Nicolsone, Notary Public, etc.

XXIII.

In dei nomine amen . . . Anno incarnationis dominice millesimo quinquentesimo vigesimo tertio . . . In mei notarii publici ac testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honestus Juuenis wilhelmus crag filius honesti viri roberti crag burgensis de Aberdene De speciali et mandato dicti patris sui roberti crag et matris sue agnetis adamsone pro additione fundationis dicti sui patris pro annuierarsio suo pro perpetuo celibraturo per capellanos collegii beati nicholaii de abirdene accessit ad quamdam terram seu tenementum Jacentem in vico furcarum ex orientali parte eiusdem inter terram olim forsy Dauisone ex boreali parte ex vna et terram Willelmi tulideff et suorum heredum ex australi partibus ab

[1] Stevenson's seal complete.

altera et communem viam regiam versus occidens et extendentem ad ortum olim Johannis cwk versus oriens vna cum pistrino eiusdem et ibidem in manibus honorabilis viri Jasperdi cullane vnius balliuorum de Aberdene . . . resignauit vnum annuum redditum quatuor solidorum monete regni scotie annuatim solvendorum curato et capellanis ecclesie nicholaii de Aberdene. . . . Et consequenter dictus balliuus . . . dedit . . . dauidi Wauss . . . collectori . . . capellanorum . . . possessionem . . . Acta erant hec super solum dicti seu tenementi hora quasi decima ante meridiem . . . testibus honestis viris georgio bissait burgensi seniori Wilhelmo lorimer Roberto barbor fyiff burgensibus dominis Johannis waus dauid lorimer capellanis Waltero saiffra seriando cum diuersis aliis.

Et ego Magister thomas chawmer presbiter Aberdonensis dioceseos sacra autoritate apostolica notarius publicus, etc.

Abstract of XXIII.

On , 1523, at 10 A.M., compeared William, son of Robert Craig, burgess, and Agnes Adamsone, his spouse, by mandate of his parents, and —for increment of his father's foundation of an anniversary to be celebrated by the chaplains of the College of S. Nicholas—resigned an annual rent of 4*s*. from a land on the E. of the Gallowgate, between the land formerly Forsy Davisone's on the N., the land of William Tulideff and his heirs on the S., the king's highway on the W., and the yard formerly John Cwk's on the E., into the hands of Jasper Cullane, baillie, who thereupon granted sasine thereof to David Wauss, collector for the chaplains. Witnesses: George Bissait, senior burgess; William Lorimer, Robert Barbor, Fife, burgesses; Sirs John Waus, David Lorimer, chaplains; Walter Saiffra, sergeant.

All certified by Mr. Thomas Chawmer, notary, etc.

XXIV.

In dei Nomine amen . . . Anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo septimo mensis vero Julii die decimo tertio . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia Personaliter constitutus discretus vir magister thomas chalmer Curatus de Abirdene ac capellanus perpetuus altaris beatissime virginis marie infra ecclesiam parrochialem diui nicolayii de aberdene fundati et situati . . . Totum et integrum illud tenementum suum cum pertinenciis Jacens infra dictum burgum in vico furcarum ex orientali parte eiusdem inter terram roberti pipar ex australi ex vna terram quondam alexandri gray ex boreali partibus ab altera Et communes vias regias versus

oriens et occidens In manibus honorabilis viri Willelmi rolland vnius balliuorum dicti burgi . . . resignauit . . . Ad dandum . . . sasinam . . . vicario et cappellanis chori ecclesie parrochialis diui nicolaii de Aberdene Et consequenter idem balliuus . . . sasinam . . . dauidi waus collectori . . . capellanorum contulit . . . Acta erant hec supra solum huiusmodi terre horam circiter nonam ante merediem . . . Presentibus ibidem Prouidis viris Johanne andersone seniore Joanne brabaner Duncano portar Valtero Sauera et Dauid herone sergiando cum diuersis aliis testibus.

Et ego dauid nicholsone, etc.

Abstract of XXIV.

On 13th July, 1527, about 9 A.M., compeared Mr. Thomas Chalmer, curate of Aberdeen, and chaplain of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin in the Church of S. Nicholas; and resigned a tenement on the S. side of the Gallowgate, between Robert Piper's land on the S., the late Alexander Gray's land on the N., and the king's highways on the E. and W., into the hands of William Rolland, baillie; who thereupon granted sasine thereof to David Waus, collector for the vicar and chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas. Witnesses: John Andersone, John Brabaner, Duncan Portar, Walter Sauera, and David Herone, sergeant, etc.

All certified by David Nicholsone, N.P., etc.

XXV.

In dei Nomine Amen . . . Anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo primo mensis vero nouembris die sexto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia Personaliter constitutus prouidus vir Johannes neilsone incola burgi de Abirdene . . . Totum et integrum vnum annuum redditum sex solidorum . . . de tota et integra illa terra sua cum pertinenciis Jacente infra dictum burgum de abirdene in vico nauium ex occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terram Johannis fichat ex boreali ex vna terram thome breching ex australi partibus ab altera montem sancte katherine virginis versus occidens et communem viam regiam versus oriens In Manibus honorabilis viri Valteri cullane vnius balliuorum dicti burgi . . . In fauorem discretorum virorum curati et capellanorum chori ecclesie parrochialis diui nicholaii de abirdene resignauit Et consequenter idem balliuus . . . sasinam . . . Johanni vaus collectori . . . capellanorum . . . deliberauit . . . acta erant hec super solum huiusmodi terre horam circiter octauam ante merediem . . . Presentibus ibidem prouidis

viris Johanne trouip alexandro bowak latamis georgio baxter Et thoma blair sergiando testibus. . . .

Et ego Johannes Nicholsoun artium magister clericus Dunkeldensis dioceseos publicus sacra apostolica auctoritate notarius, etc.

Abstract of XXV.

On 6th November, 1531, about 8 A.M., compeared John Neilsone, dweller in Aberdeen, and resigned an annual rent of 6*s.* from his land on the W. of the Shiprow, between John Fichat's land on the N., Thomas Breching's land on the S., S. Catherine's Hill on the W., and the king's highway on the E., into the hands of Walter Cullane, baillie; who thereupon granted sasine thereof to John Vaus, collector for the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas. Witnesses: John Trouip, Alexander Bowak, masons; George Baxter; Thomas Blair, sergeant.

All certified by John Nicholsoun, A.M., Notary, etc.

XXVI.

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . Andreas durty burgensis de Abirdene Eternam in domino salutem Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . Totam et integram illam terram meam . . . Jacentem infra dictum burgum in vico furcarum ex occidentali parte eiusdem inter terram altaris diui Stephani prothomartiris ex australi ex vna terram nicholaii baxster ex boreali partibus ab altera terram Johannis murray Junioris versus occidens et communem viam regiam versus oriens Venerabilibus et discretis viris Curato et capellanis chori ecclesie parrochialis diui nicholaii de Abirdene et suis successoribus pro indemnitate et varanto vnius annui redditus duodecim mercarum cum media leuandi de tota et integra illa terra anteriore interiore orto et horrio quondam Johannis murray burgensis de abirdene . . . Tenendam . . . a me . . . de rege . . . Faciendo . . . seruicium burgagium . . . In Cuius Rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium vna cum sigillo honorabilis viri Alexandri rutherfurd vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris sasine Presentibus sunt appensa Apud abirdene vltimo die mensis mercii Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo tertio Coram testibus Roberto blak Johanne murray Dauid arrat burgensibus de abirdene Dominis Willelmo philpsone alexandro Robertsoun Johanne Waus Dauid Waus capellanis et thoma hunter seriando cum diuersis aliis.

Abstract of XXVI.

Andrew Durty, burgess, grants his land on the W. of the Gallowgate, between the land of the Altar of S. Stephen on the S., Nicholas Baxter's land on the N., John Murray junior's land on the W., and the king's highway on the E., to the curate and chaplains of the Church of S. Nicholas, as surety for an annual rent of $12\frac{1}{2}$ merks from the land, yard, and barn of John Murray, burgess; to be held from the granter of the king; rendering burgage service. Sealed by the granter and by Alexander Rutherford, baillie, at Aberdeen, 31st March, 1533. Witnesses: Robert Blak, John Murray, David Arrat, burgesses; Sirs William Philpson, Alexander Robertson, John Waus, David Waus, chaplains; and Thomas Hunter, sergeant.

XXVII.

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . Johannes collisoun burgensis de abirdene filius et heres quondam Jacobi collisoun burgensis de Abirdene Et margreta Setoun sponsa mea Eternam in domino Salutem Noueritis nos . . . vendidisse . . . domino Willelmo Cupar capellano . . . Totum et integrum vnum annuum redditum nostrum viginti solidorum . . . de toto et integro illo crofto cum pertinenciis Jacente in territorio occidentali croftorum dicti burgi inter croftum Johannis mar olim burgensis de abirdene ex orientali ex vna et terras de rubislaw ex occidentali partibus ab altera croftum fratrum carmelitarum dicti burgi versus austrum et communem viam regiam qua itur ad rubislaw versus boream Tenendum . . . a nobis . . . de . . . rege . . . Faciendo . . . seruicium burgagium. . . In Cuius rei testimonium Sigillum meum proprium pro me et dicta margreta sponsa mea vnacum mea subscriptione manuali Necnon Sigillum honorabilis viri patricii leslie vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris sasine huiusmodi presentibus sunt appensa apud abirdene penultimo die mensis februarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo quarto Coram testibus prouidis viris villelmi rolland. seniore Valtero leslie Willelmo rolland Juniore domino andrea Vaus capellano thoma huntar Johanne Keith et duncano porter sergiandis et Magistro Johanne nicholsoun notario publico Cum diuersis aliis.

Abstract of XXVII.

John Collisoun, burgess (son and heir of the late John Collisoun, burgess), and Margaret Setoun, his spouse, sell to Sir William Coupar, chaplain, their annual rent of 20*s*. from a croft in the W. territory of crofts, between John Mar

(late burgess) 's croft on the E., the lands of Rubislaw on the W., the Carmelites' croft on the S., and the king's highway to Rubislaw on the N.; to be held from the granters of the king; rendering burgage service. Sealed by the granter, and by Patrick Leslie, baillie, at Aberdeen, 27th February, $153\frac{4}{5}$. Witnesses: William Rolland, senior; Walter Leslie, William Rolland, junior; Sir Andrew Vaus, chaplain; Thomas Huntar, John Keith, et Duncan Portar, sergeants; and Mr. John Nicholsoun, notary.

XXVIII.

In dei Nomine Amen . . . anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo quarto mensis vero mercii die decimoseptimo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentiis Personaliter constitutus prouidus vir Valterus howesoun burgensis de abirdene . . . Totum et integrum vnum annuum redditum suum septem solidorum . . . de toto et integro illo crofto suo vocato lie elfhillak Jacente in territorio occidentali croftorum burgi de abirdene inter croftum alexandri gray Junioris ex boreali ex vna et crofta gilberti menzeis ex australi et occidentali partibus ab altera et croftum fratrum carmelitarum dicti burgi versus oriens In Manibus honorabilis viri patricii leslie vnius balliuorum dicti burgi . . . resignauit . . . ad dandum sasinam . . . domino villelmo coupar capellano . . . Tandem vigesimo die merci . . . idem Balliuus . . . sasinam . . . deliberauit . . . Acta erat dicta resignatio apud territorium diui nicholaii de abirdene dataque fuit huiusmodi possessio super solum dicti crofti horam circiter decimam ante merediem . . . Presentibus ibidem prouidis viris alexandro gray Juniore domino Andrea vaus capellano roberto goldsmyth willelmo mwir Johanne donaldsoun Johanne copland Jacobo dauesoun hugone hakraw Et thoma hunter sergiando Cum diuersis aliis. . . .

Et ego Johannes nicholsoun . . . publicus notarius, etc.

Abstract of XXVIII.

On 17th March, $153\frac{4}{5}$, about 10 A.M., compeared Walter Howesoun, burgess, and resigned his annual rent of 7*s*. from his croft, the Elfhillock, in the W territory of crofts, between Alexander Gray junior's croft on the N., Gilbert Menzeis' croft on S. and W., and the Carmelites' croft on the E., into the hands of Patrick Leslie, baillie; who, on 20th March granted sasine thereof to Sir William Coupar, chaplain. Witnesses: Alexander Gray, Junior; Sir Andrew

Vaus, chaplain; Robert Goldsmyth, William Muir, John Donaldson, John Copland, James Davesoun, Hugh Hakraw, and Thomas Hunter, sergeant, etc.

All certified by John Nicholsoun, N.P., etc.

XXIX.

In dei nomine Amen . . . anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo quinto mensis vero nouembris die vigesimo quarto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus Johannes murray Junior burgensis de Aberdene . . . Totum et integrum illum annuum redditum suum sex solidorum . . . de tota et integra terra anteriore et interiore cum pertinenciis quondam dauidis lame burgensis de abirdene Jacente infra dictum burgum in vico furcarum ex boreali parte eiusdem inter terram georgii barbour ex boreali ex vna terram quondam andree burnet et illam vastam terram communitatis de Abirdene ex australi [*sic*] partibus ab altera communem viam regiam antedictam versus austrum et terram quondam Dauid errot versus oriens . . . In manibus honorabilis viri alexandri ruthirfurd vnius balliuorum dicti burgi . . . resignauit . . . ad dandum sasinam . . . curato et capellanis chori ecclesie diui nicolaii de aberdene . . . Et consequenter idem balliuus sasinam . . . domino Johanni cumyng procuratori dictorum capellanorum . . . contulit . . . acta erant hec super solum huiusmodi terre horam circiter vndecimam ante meridiem . . . Presentibus Ibidem honorabilibus viris andrea louson henrico collisone thoma blak gilberto pyot burgensibus de abirdene domino Vilhelmo coupar capellano thoma huntar thoma blayr et iohanne kayt sergiandis cum diuersis aliis. . . .

Et ego Dauid nicholsone . . . notarius publicus. . . .

Abstract of XXIX.

On 24th November, 1535, about 11 A.M., compeared John Murray, junior, burgess, and resigned his annual rent of 6*s*. from the late David Lame (burgess) 's land, on the N. of the Gallowgate, between George Barbour's land on the N., the late Andrew Burnet's land, and the town's waste land on the S. [? W.], the Gallowgate on the S., and the late David Errot's land on the E.—into the hands of Alexander Ruthirfurd, baillie; who thereupon granted sasine thereof to Sir John Cumyng, procurator for the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas. Witnesses: Andrew Louson, Henry Collisone, Thomas Blak, Gilbert Pyot, burgesses; Sir William Coupar, chaplain; Thomas Huntar, Thomas Blayr, and John Kayt, sergeants.

All certified by David Nicholson, N.P., etc.

XXX.

Sasine following on Charter (printed vol. i. p. 172; vol. ii. p. 148) by David Anderson, burgess, to the Curate and Chaplains of a feu-duty of 28*s*. 19th August, 1536.

XXXI.

Sasine on resignation of Sir Andrew Scherar, Vicar of Nigg (Nyge), of an annual rent of 28*s*. out of the croft of John Collison lying in the west territories of the crofts of the burgh of Aberdeen, in favour of George Scherar, burgess of the said burgh. 18th January, 153^{6}_{7}.

XXXII.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Andreas murray Junior burgensis de Abirdene eternam in domino Salutem Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . curato et capellanis chori ecclesie parrochialis diui nicolaii de Abirdene . . . Totum et integrum Illum annuum redditum meum quinque mercarum . . . de totis et integris terris de Westiressintuly cum pertinenciis Jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardin . . . pro quadam certa summa pecunie quam dicti curatus et capellani mihi tempore confectionis presentis carte mee in pecunia numerata mea graui et vrgente necessitate . . . persoluebant Tenendum . . . de me in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo . . . vnum denarium . . . nomine albefirme . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium huic presenti carte mee mea manuali subscriptione subscripte est appensum Apud Abirdene vigesimo primo die mensis octobris anno domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo Coram testibus Andrea cullan patre meo legali valtero cullane dauid andersone thoma chalmer burgensibus de Abirdene et magistro dauid nicholsoun scriba communi Aberdonensi ac notario publico cum diuersis aliis.[1]

Abstract of XXXII.

Andrew Murray, Junior, burgess, sells to the curate and chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas, his annual rent of 5 merks from the lands of Wester Essintuly, in the shire of Kincardine; to be held of the granter; paying therefor one penny by way of blench farm. Signed by the granter at Aberdeen, 21st October, 1537. Witnesses: Andrew Cullan (granter's father-in-law), Walter Cullane, David Andersone, Thomas Chalmer, burgesses; Mr. David Nicholsoun, Town Clerk, and Notary, etc.

[1] See *Antiq. Aberd. and Banff*, iii. 358.

XXXIII.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . magister thomas chalmer curatus ecclesie parrochialis diui nicolaii de aberdene ac capellanus perpetuus altaris beate marie virginis infra eandem ecclesiam situati Eternam in domino salutem Noueritis me vtilitate mea et dicti altaris ac successorum meorum capellanorum eiusdem . . . considerata . . . cum expressis consensu et assensu prepositi balliuorum ac consulum dicti burgi de aberdene ac veri et indubitati patroni eiusdem altaris . . . ad feodifirmam dimisisse . . . henrico marchand burgensi dicti burgi . . . totum et integrum Illud tenementum dicti altaris viz terram anteriorem interiorem ortum et caudam eiusdem cum pertinenciis Jacentes infra dictum burgum ex orientali parte vici furcarum eiusdem inter terram Roberti gordoun ex boreali ex vna terram roberti pyper ex australi partibus ab altera prout se extendit in longitudine a communi via regia qua Itur ad canoniam aberdonensem versus occidens sub pede montis de hedowins hill versus oriens Et hoc pro vno annuo censu viginti solidorum . . . leuandum . . . de dicto tenemento mihi et successoribus meis capellanis dicti altaris . . . Tenendum . . . de . . . rege Reddendo . . . dictum annuum censum . . . Necnon vnum annuum redditum sex solidorum et octo denariorum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium vnacum sigillo honorabilis viri dauid andersone vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris sasine huiusmodi Necnon sigillum commune dicti burgi presentibus sunt appensa apud aberdene decimo tercio die mensis mercii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo coram testibus villelmo chesem Johanne brabner roberto gordoun Vilhelmo andersone et domino dauide loremar. . . .

Abstract of XXXIII.

Mr. Thomas Chalmer, curate of the Church of S. Nicholas, and chaplain of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin therein, with consent of the provost, baillies, and Council, and of the patron of the said altar, sets in feu to Henry Marchand, burgess, a tenement belonging to the said altar, viz., a foreland, yard, and tail, on the E. of the Gallowgate, between Robert Gordoun's land on the N., Robert Pyper's land on the S., the King's highway to the Chanonry on the W., and Hedowin's Hill on the E.—for a feu-maill of 20*s.*: to be held of the King; paying the said feu-duty, and an annual rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* Sealed by the granter, and by David Anderson, baillie, at Aberdeen, 13th March, $153\frac{7}{8}$.[1] Witnesses: William Chesem, John Brabner, Robert Gordoun, William Andersone, and Sir David Loremar.

[1] Both seals in good preservation.

XXXIV.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Johannes Mair senior burgensis de Abirdene Eternam in domino Salutem . . . Noueritis me igitur in honorem dei omnipotentis beatissime virginis marie Ac omnium celestis curie pro Salute anime mee anime margarete moir vxoris mee . . . dedisse . . . capellanis chori ecclesie perrochialis diui nicholaii de abirdene . . . Omnes et singulos annuos Redditus meos subscriptos cum pertinenciis viz vnum annuum redditum meum viginti solidorum . . . leuandum de vna terra terra burgagia cum pertinenciis Jacente ex australi parte vici nauium dicti burgi inter terram quondam Joannis blak ex orientali ex vna terram communitatis burgi de abirdene ex occidentali partibus ab altera communem viam regiam versus boream et torrentem sancte trinitatis versus austrum Acetiam vnum annuum redditum meum octo solidorum leuandum de illa terra burgagia cum pertinenciis Jacente ex occidentali parte vici furcarum dicti burgi inter terram Vilhelmi mathow ex boreali ex vna terram quondam Villelmi millum ex australi partibus ab altera Et communes vias regias versus oriens et occidens . . . Tenendos . . . a me . . . de . . . rege . . . in puram et perpetuam elimosinam . . . Quamobrem dicti capellani . . . celebrabunt annuatim et imperpetuum vnum anniuersarium et exequias defunctorum viz placebo et dirige in die sabbati immediate ante dominicam secundam quadragesime annuatim durante vita mea Et post decessum meum annuatim in die obitus mei Ac missam de nota in dominica inde immediate sequenter Cum missis trigentalibus per ebdomodam proximam immediate sequenter vt moris est apud altare beatissime virginis marie infra ecclesiam parrochialem diui nicholai de abirdene fundatum pro salute anime mee et animarum omnium predictarum Insuper procurator dictorum capellanorum . . . annuos redditus . . . distribuet vt sequitur viz preconi cum campana manuali ad circuendum dictum oppidum nocte exequiarum ad incitendum populum ad deprecandum pro salute animarum predictarum duos denarios Et sacriste pro pulsatione campanarum dicte ecclesie trina vice ad huiusmodi exequias in die sabbati prefato et similiter in dominica immediate sequenti ad missam quatuordecim denarios Et similiter prefatus collector pro tempore tabulam honestam super monumentum meum ponet et idem pallio siue coopertorio decenti cooperiet et luminaria cerea inveniet vt decet pro quibus sibi duos solidos captabit Et annuatim in die dictarum exequiarum quatuor solidos pauperibus magis indigenis erogabit Et reliquum . . . viz viginti solidos et octo denarios dictis capellanis . . . deliberabit . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium vnacum mea subscriptione manuali Necnon Sigillum honorabilis viri dauidis andersoun vnius

balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris Sasine huiusmodi presentibus sunt appensa Apud abirdene vigesimo sexto die mensis mercii Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo octauo Coram Testibus prouidis et discretis viris dominis Roberto spark Andrea Waus capellanis Vilhelmo pawill Alexandro Kay sergiando Et magistro Johanne nicholsone notario publico Cum diuersis aliis.

Abstract of XXXIV.

John Mair, for the welfare of the souls of himself and his spouse, Margaret Moir, etc., grants to the chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas, two annual rents, viz.: one of 20*s.* from a burgage land on the S. of the Shiprow, between the late John Blak's land on the E., the town's land on the W., the King's highway on the N., and the Trinity Burn on the S.; the other of 8*s.* from a burgage land on the W. of the Gallowgate, between William Mathow's land on the N., the late William Millum's land on the S., and the King's highways on the E. and W.: to be held from the granter, of the King, in alms; the chaplains celebrating therefor an anniversary and obsequies, viz., *placebo* and *dirige* on the Saturday before the second Sunday of Lent during the granter's life, and after his decease on the day thereof, and a mass *de nota* on the Sunday following, with trenthal masses during the ensuing week, for the souls of the granter, etc.: the procurator of the chaplains distributing the amount as follows: To a crier for summoning the people to pray for said souls, 2*d.*; to the sacrist for ringing the church bells thrice on the Saturday and the Sunday, 14*d.*; to himself to meet the cost of a table with proper covering and wax candles above the granter's tomb, 2*s.*; to the poor, on the said Saturday, 4*s.*; to the chaplains, 20*s.* 8*d.* Sealed by the granter and by David Anderson, baillie, at Aberdeen, 26th March, 1538. Witnesses: Sirs Robert Spark, Andrew Waus, chaplains; William Pawill, Alexander Kay, sergeant, and John Nicholsone, notary.

XXXV.

Vniuersis et Singulis Ad quorum Notitias presentes litere perueneriut Dauid Andersone Alexander Ruthirfurd Et Magister Joannes gordoun Balliui burgi de Abirdene Eternam in domino Salutem . . . Coram nobis in pretorio dicti burgi pro tribunali Sedentibus die lune vltimo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo hora vndecima ante meridiem in plena Curia Accessit ad barram discretus vir dominus Robertus spark capellanus perpetuus Altaris diui duthaci infra ecclesiam parrochialem diui nicolaii dicti burgi Situati Et petiit a communi

clerico tres processus per Ipsum legittime deductos in tribus curiis capitalibus precedentibus perlegi de et Super recuperatione proprietatis cuiusdam terre vaste quondam Joannis goue Jacentis infra dictum burgum in vico nauium ex australi parte Eiusdem vici inter terras quondam Wilhelmi scherer ex orientali et occidentali partibus oppositis Et communes vias regias versus austrum et boream in defectu Solutionis vnius annui Redditus Septem solidorum Et vndecim denariorum vsualis monete scotie Sibi et dicto altari debiti et a longo tempore non soluti Quibus . . . perlectis . . . decretum fuit per curiam et datum pro Judicio per os Joannis Scherer Indicatoris curie quod dictus dominus Robertus proprietatem . . . recuperauit . . . Super quibus omnibus et Singulis dictus dominus Robertus nostras literas Testimoniales Sigillis nostris Roboratas[1] vnacum Subscriptione notarii publici Subscriptas Reuerentia debita petiit quas Eidem Caritatiue concessimus . . . Coram honorabilibus et discretis viris gilberto menzes de fyndoun thoma menzes preposito Joanne colisone seniore magistris Joanne hay et Joanne nicolsone notariis Alexandro king Alexandro kay et Joanne Jamesone sergiandis cum diuersis aliis.

Et Ego Dauid nicholson, etc.

Abstract of XXXV.

On Monday, 31st January, 154^{0}_{1}, at 11 A.M., in presence of David Anderson, Alexander Rutherfurd, and Mr. John Gordon, baillies, sitting as a baillie court, compeared at the bar Sir Robert Spark, chaplain of the Altar of S. Duthac in the Church of S. Nicholas, and requested the clerk to read three processes, produced at three previous head courts, anent the recovery of a waste land belonging to the late John Goue, lying on the S. side of the Shiprow, between the late William Scherar's lands on the E. and W., and the king's highways on the S. and N., in default of payment of seven shillings and elevenpence, payable to the altar, and long overdue: which being done, the court decreed and caused to be proclaimed by John Scherar, crier, that the said claim had been established, and granted letters testifying thereto. Witnesses: Gilbert Menzes of Fyndoun; Thomas Menzes, provost; John Colisone, senior; Mr^{s}. John Hay, and John Nicolsone, notaries; Alexander King, Alexander Kay, and John Jameson, sergeants, etc.

XXXVI.

Sasine on Precept of Clare Constat by Robert Smith, Collector for Vicars and Chaplains of the Choir of the Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, in favour of

[1] Seals of the three baillies complete.

John Gordon in Myltoun, brother-german of the late Mr. John Gordon, burgess of Aberdeen, of the following crofts: Ade Pringill croft, ly lang rig, the croft at the leper house, the croft at ly Spittall hyll, and fill the cope croft. 16th July, 1548.

XXXVII.

Charter by the Vicars of the Choir of the Cathedral Church of Aberdeen to Sir Arthur Joffray, a chaplain of the said Choir, of a rig of land in Futy for an annual rent of *12s.*, payable to the Choir. 25th December, 1552.[1]

XXXVIII.

Sasine on last of same date.

XXXIX.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . dominus Alexander Robertsoun capellanus Salutem Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . capellanis chori ecclesie parochialis diui nicholaii de abirdene et eorum successoribus capellanis dicti chori Totum et integrum vnum annuum redditum meum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum . . . de tota et integra illa terra mea anteriore cum pertinenciis Jacente infra burgum de abirdene ex orientali parte vici furcarum eiusdem burgi inter terram quondam dauidis adamsone ex boreali ex vna terram Johannis quholly ex australi partibus ab altera terram quondam duncani portar versus oriens et communem viam regiam versus occidens Pro quadam certa summa pecunie quam dicti capellani mihi tempore confectionis presentis carte mee . . . persoluebant . . . Tenendum . . . a me . . . de suprema domina nostra regina . . . Faciendo . . . seruicium burgagium . . . In cuius rei Testimonium Sigillum meum proprium vnacum mea subscriptione manuali Necnon Sigillum honorabilis viri gilberti collisone vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris sasine huiusmodi presentibus sunt appensa Apud abirdene decimonono die mensis aprilis anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quarto Coram his Testibus gilberto tullideff henrico forbes magistro andrea cullane dominis Johanne collisone alexandro leslie Willelmo Walcar capellanis dauide kintor vno sergiandorum dicti burgi Et magistro Johanne nicholsone notario publico cum diuersis aliis.

Alexr. Robertson, manu propria.

[1] Seal of the choir attached—partly broken.

Abstract of XXXIX.

Sir Alexander Robertson, chaplain, sells to the chaplains of the choir of the Parish Church of S. Nicholas an annual rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* Scots, from his land on the E. side of the Gallowgate, between the late David Anderson's land on the N., John Quholly's on the S., the late Duncan Portar's on the E., and the king's highway on the W., for a sum of money paid at the date of the charter; to be held from the granter, of the Queen; rendering burgage service. Sealed at Aberdeen, 19th April, 1554, by the granter, and by Gilbert Collisone, baillie, and granter of sasine. Witnesses: Gilbert Tulideff, Henry Forbes, Mr. Andrew Cullane, Sirs John Collisone, Alexander Leslie, William Walcar, chaplains; David Kintor, sergeant; Mr. John Nicholsone, Notary, etc.

(Signed) Alexr. Robertson.

XL.

Copy Retour of the whole Church lands within the shire of Kincardine, on an inquisition made at the town-house of Inverbervie before William, earl Marischal, principal sheriff of Kincardine, and David Barclay of Matheris, his depute, 4th March, 155$\frac{4}{5}$. Extracted from the Sheriff Court books of Kincardine by Mr. John Fullartoun, Sheriff Clerk.

XLI.

Reuerendo in christo patri ac domino Villelmo miseratione diuina abirdonensi episcopo vestra humilis et diuota oratrix elizabetht prat vidua altera duarum filiarum et legitimarum heredum quondam thome prat burgensis de abirden Necnon vna duarum patronarum indubitatarum alternatis vicibus capellanie diui thome martiris infra ecclesiam parrochialem de abirdene per honorabilem virum quondam thomam pratt patrem meum fundate cum omni obsequio et reverentia salutem Ad predictam capellaniam . . . Iam in manibus meis tanquam vnius patronarum eiusdem hac vice spectantem et vacantem per decessum quondam venerabilis viri magistri andree cullan vltimi possessoris et capellani eiusdem ad meam nominationem et presentationem vestramque collationem ordinariam pleno iure spectantem discretum virum dominum Villelmum Walcar capellanum ydoneum . . . represento . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus mea subscriptione manuali roboratis sigillum meum proprium appendi Iussimus Apud abirdene primo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo coram testibus gilberto kyntor

dauide Kyntoir domino Joanne collisoun thoma murra magistro andrea gray magistro andrea mathow notario publico cum diuersis aliis.

Elizabet Prat, wt. my hand at the pen led be the notar.

Abstract of XLI.

Elizabeth Prat, widow, one of the two daughters of the late Thomas Prat, burgess, and one of the two patronesses of the chaplaincy of S. Thomas, Martyr, in the Parish Church, founded by the said Thomas Prat, presents to William, Bishop of Aberdeen, for collation to the said chaplaincy (vacant by the death of Mr. Andrew Cullan, late chaplain), Sir William Walcar. Signed and sealed at Aberdeen, 1st August, 1560. Witnesses: Gilbert Kyntor, David Kyntoir, Sir John Collisoun, Thomas Murra, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. Andrew Mathow, notary, etc.

XLII.

Register[1] of Baillie Court Decreets for unpaid feu-duties of Chaplains, 9th June, 1546—20th August, 1576.

On the last page the following rental is given :—

The Rentell of owir lady alter in Sanct
nicholas kirk of Abirdene.

Item, imprimis fyve markis of androw murray land now pertenitt to Mr. gilb. murray, lyand one the vast syid of the gallowgett.

Item, the land of vmqle Wm. Jak, in the samen gett, vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, the land of Walter cullan, in the samen gett, vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, the land of Mr. patrik rutherfurd, in the eist syid of the gallowgett, vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, the land of vmqle Dauid Lams, lyand in the overkirkgett, anent the nort syid, x*s*.

Item, the land of Jonett knollis, in the samen gett, ij*s*.

Item, the land of Jon litster, in the gallowgett, on the eist syid, xxvj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, the land of Alexr. howesone, in the castelgett, awand in the zeir, xx*s*.

Item, the land of besse pratt, in that samen gett, v*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, the land of vmqle gilbt. nicolson, at the thevis port, x*s*.

Item, the land of patrik lesly, in the schipraw, in the zeir, v*s*.

Item, the land of sanct barbares, in the nethr kirkgett, in the zeir, iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, the land of robt. gray, glasinwryt, in that samen gett, vij*s*. vj*d*.

[1] A note on the cover states that "This buik pertenis to ane honorabille man, Mr. Johne Kennedy, persone of tullynessill".

Item, the land of vmqle margerie waus, in the grein, in the zeir, vj*s*. viij*d*.
Item, the land of Jon roche, in that samen gett, iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Item, the land of george Watsone, in that samen gett, ij*s*.
Item, the land of James cultis, in the gaistraw, iiij*s*.
Item, the land of Jon knollis, at futteis port, in the zeir, ij*s*.
Item, ane croft in futtie, now in the handis of Dauid quhyitt, v*s*. zeirly.
Item, the land of alexr. andersone litster, in the gallowgett, ij*s*. vj*d*. zeirly.
Item, the dowcatt croft, v*s*. zeirly.
Item, the lands lyand besyid the sang scuil, now pertenand to alexr. seidman, in the zeir.

XLIII.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Magister alexander Wrycht capellanus perpetuus altaris siue capellanie sancti nominis Jesu Infra ecclesiam parrochialem beati Nicolai de abirdene fundati . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . cum expressis etiam consensu et assensu prouidi viri Joannis arthour burgensis dicti burgi veri et Indubitati patroni eiusdem capellanie assedasse . . . Joanni burnet burgensi dicti burgi . . . Totam et Integram terram anteriorem antiquam et ruinosam Jacentem infra dictum burgum in vico superiore ecclesie ex australi parte eiusdem vici Inter terram patricii molisone et magistri patricii ruderfurd ex australi parte terram eiusdem magistri patricii ex occidentali parte et communes vias regias versus oriens et boream Tenendam . . . de rege . . . Reddendo . . . capellanis dicte capellanie . . . summam quadraginta solidorum vsualis monete nomine feudifirme Necnon capellanis chori ecclesie cathedralis abirdonensis vnum annuum redditum sex solidorum et octo denariorum eiusdem monete . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee subscriptione mea manuali necnon subscriptione manuali dicti Joannis arthour in signum sui consensus et assensus ad premissa subscripte sigillum meum proprium vnacum sigillo honorabilis viri alexandri ruderfurd vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris huiusmodi sasine est appensum Apud abirdene vltimo die mensis aprilis anno domini millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo octauo coram testibus vilhelmo gerard tonsore andrea Kay pistore roberto sanders vietore roberto munzie fabro lowrencio bell magistro eduardo mengzes capellano Jacobo chalmer magistris Joanne kennedy et thoma molisone notariis publicis.

Jhonne author wt. my hand.
M. Alexr. Vrytht capellanus altaris, etc.

Abstract of XLIII.

Mr. Alexander Wrycht, chaplain of the Altar of the Blessed Name of Jesus in the Church of S. Nicholas, with consent of John Arthour, burgess, patron thereof, sets in lease to John Burnet, burgess, a land, old and ruinous, to the S. of the Upperkirkgate, between Patrick Molisone and Mr. Patrick Ruderfurd's land on the S., the said Mr. Patrick's land on the W., and the King's highways on the E. and N.; to be held of the King; paying therefor to the chaplains of the said altar 40*s.* yearly, and to the chaplains of the choir of the Cathedral Church, 6*s.* 8*d.* Signed and sealed by the granter and by John Arthour, and sealed by Alexander Ruderfurd, at Aberdeen, 30th April, 1578. Witnesses: William Gerard, barber; Andrew King, baker; Robert Sanders, weaver; Robert Munzie, smith; Lowrence Bell; Mr. Edward Mengzes, chaplain; James Chalmer; Mrs. John Kennedy, and Thomas Molisone, notaries.

XLIV.

Sasine on the above charter, of same date, under the hand of Mr. Thomas Molisone, notary public.

XLV.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Johannes cheyne de tillebourie indubitatus patronus capellanie altaris sancti martini infra ecclesiam diui nicolari de Abirdene fundati . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . alexandro cheyne filio meo . . . Totam et integram dictam capellaniam . . . cum meo patronatuu eiusdem pro certa quadam pecunie summa mihi per dictum alexandrum . . . [parchment torn] . . . Tenendam . . . de rege . . . in pura et simplici elimosina . . . Reddendo . . . orationes et suffragia . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee manu mea subscripte sigillum meum proprium est appensum [1] Apud tillibourye vltimo die mensis septembris anno domini millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo primo Coram his testibus magistris Joanne et patricio cheynis magister arthuro wat et thoma cheyne.

Jhone cheyne of tuliboury with my hand.

Abstract of XLV.

John Cheyne of Tilliebourie, patron of the chaplaincy of the Altar of S. Martin, in the Church of S. Nicholas, sells to Alexander Cheyne, his son, the

[1] Seal intact.

said chaplaincy, to be held of the King in pure alms, rendering therefor prayers and suffrages. Signed and sealed at Tilliebourie, 30th Sept., 1581. Witnesses: Mrs. John and Patrick Cheyne, Mr. Arthur Wat, and Thomas Cheyne.

XLVI.

In Dei Nomine amen . . . anno Incarnationis dominice Millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo Quinto mensis vero aprilis die vigesimo tertio . . . In mei Notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus prouidus vir Andreas Scherar burgensis de Abirdene assertus patronus capellanie sancti duthaci Infra ecclesiam parochialem diui Nicolai de abirdene ex fundatione quondam [blank] Et Ibidem probum adolescentem Wehelmum Scherar filium suum ad huiusmodi capellaniam . . . investiuit per donationem libri . . . Acta erant hec apud Locum In quo situatum prius fuit altara [*sic*] sancti duthaci in dicta ecclesia parochiali horam circiter nonam ante meridiem Presentibus ibidem prouidis viris alexandro Cullen magistro Joanne douglas Jacobo chalmer Georgio forbes Jacobo Dauidsoun et magistro andrea clerk testibus . . . Sic subscribitur Ita est magister Joannes kennedy Notarius publicus manu propria.

This is the Just extract of Williame Scherar his Institutioun in the cheplancie of sanct duthacht wtin sanct Nicolas paroch kirk of aberdene, extractit furtht of the prothocoll buik of vmqll Maister Johnne Kennedy, notar publict and commoun clerk of aberdene . . . colloborat be me, maister Thomas molisoune, notar public, and commoun clerk of the said burt, The Tuelff day of aprill, 1612 zeiris.

Abstract of XLVI.

On 23rd April, 1585, about 9 A.M., at the old site of the Altar of S. Duthact compeared Andrew Scherar, burgess, reputed patron of the chaplaincy of S. Duthac, in the Church of S. Nicolas, and invested his son, William Scherar, in the said chaplaincy. Witnesses: Alexander Cullen, Mr. John Douglas, James Chalmer, George Forbes, James Davidson, and Mr. Andrew Clerk. All certified by Mr. John Kennedy, notary.

XLVII.

The Inventar and Catholog off the evidentis concerning the landis, annuelrentis and fewmaillis sumtym pertening to the cheplanis of Sanct nicolas Paroche

kirk of abirdene and now pertening to the said burgh,[1] Delyuerit be Dauid Andersone, maister of the kirkwark off the samen, to Andro Scherar be vertew off ane act and ordinance off consall of the said burgh. Receavit be the said Dauid fra wmqll Mr. Johne Kennedy In presence of Mr. Peter blakburne, minister, and Mr. Thomas mollisone, clerk; dauid cargill and alexr. stevin, consaloris.

Imprimis, The Register buik of the evidentis conteining fywe scoir and nyn wretin Dedis.

The buik of decreittis auld and newe.

Thrie boundellis off skrowis and rentallis.

Mortificatioun of the annuelrent of the landis off mondynis vnder the gryt seall with four smaller seallit peces sealit bund up in the samen, wpon ane annuelrent of vj. merkis.

Item, fywe peice of evidentis wpon ane annuelrent of ij. merkis furth of petmuckstoun, ane therof under the gryt seall.

Item, aucht peice of evidentis of the annuelrentis extending to ix*lib.* viij*s.* furth of the croft of wmqll Johne collyson now pertening to the airis off wmqll Jon rolland.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis of tua annuelrentis, ane of xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, now to be liftit of the croft of Johne Irwyng, and of ane annuel of sex *s.* 8*d.* furth of the croft callit lochfedill croft now pertening to the airis of wmqll James rolland.

Item, aucht peice of evidentis wpon ane annuell of v. merkis furth of the landis of essintullie, callit kyngis essintullie, pertening to alexr. knollis; ane thereof wnder the kingis gryt seal.

Item, fywe peice of evidentis wpon ane annuelrent of x*s.* furth of the landis of fyndone.

Item, four peice of evidentis wpon ane halfnettis fisching of the furdis, ane therof wnder the K. gryt seall, and ane wther wnder the townes commone seall.

Item, tua peice of evidentis contening ane annuelrent of xx*s.* furth of the gryt zard besyd the trinitie freris now pertening to Mr. Robert chalmer, and ten *s.* of annuelrent furth of Alexr. cullenis croft callit hardweird, and of thrie *s.* vj*d.* furth of the croft of wmqll Johne wear now in the handis off Jon Leyth.

Item, ane chartor and sasing of ane annuelrent of xx*s.* furth of the croft of wmqll dauid andersone now in the handis of the airis of robert cullens land in futty.

Item, ane chartor and sasing of ane annuelrent of xij*s.* furth of the calsey croft now in the handis of alexr. Rutherfurd and now pertening to pa. forbes his sone in law.

[1] See *Charters, etc., of Aberdeen*, p. 335.

Item, ane chartor and sasing of ane annuelrent of xxiiij*s*. furth of the halfnet of furdis pertening to wmqll and. murray now pertening to Mr. thomas mengzeis.

Item, ane chartor of xs. annuelrent furt of coulis croft pertening to Jon howysone, and of four *s*. four *d*. furth of the landis of wmqll Willeam chalmer and alexr. Robertsone litsteris lyand in the grene, and sex *s*. aucht *d*. furt of the land of wmqll James thomsone wobster in the grene.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of xiij*s*. iiij*d*. furth of ane croft of wmqll Mr. gilbert bissett now in the handis off Mr. george bissett.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis of vij*s*. furth of the croft of wmquil Walter howysone now in the handis of Dauid mengzeis, elder, callit elphillis.

Item, ane evident gevin be the town off abirdene wnder the Privie seal wpon sex merkis of annuelrent furt of the Justice mylnes.

Item, four peice of evidentis on ane annuelrent of xxxiiij*s*. furt of the land of wmqll John craig lyand in the overkirkgete now pertening to Mr. richard Irwyng.

Item, ane sasing of ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furth off ane waist land lyand on the southsyd of the Schipraw now pertening to alexr. Jaffray, and of ane wther annuelrent of aucht *s*. furth of ane land lyand in the wast syd of the gallouget now pertening to alexr. ronaldson, wt. the chartor of the samen.

Item, ane vther sasing of the said annuelrent of xx*s*. furt of the said alexr. Jaffrayis land.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furth of the land of wmqll Johne bruce now in the handis of eduard donaldson lyand in the Schipraw.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of aucht *s*. furth of ane land lyand in the wast syd of the Schipraw now alledgit to apertene to Robert watsone.

Item, ane sasing of ane annuelrent of x*s*. furth of the land off wmqll Dauid allanson lyand in the Schipraw now pertening to the airis off wmqll Archibald sibbalt, presentlie occupeit be Ka. gordone & Jon fergussone, hir spous.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of x*s*. furt of ane land pertening to wmqll alexr. cowpar now in the handis of willeam Scharp and Wm. sengzeor. *Item*, ane vther chartor wpon the same annuell.

Item, ane chartor and sasing of ane annuelrent of xxxij*s*. furth of the land of thoas branche now pertening to george knowis wt. thrie decreitis past therevpon, and now in the handis of patrik smyth.

Item, ane annuelrent of v*s*. furth of ane land lyand in the schipraw sumtym pertening to alexr. forbes in deip therefter pertening to the gudman of gwin, and now in the handis off Magnus duff and alexr. huntar.

Item, ane sasing of xx*s*. furth of the land of wmqll Jon bruce now pertening to ed. donaldson.

Item, ane Instrument of sasing of aucht *s*. furth of the land of alexr. cowpar now pertening to Wm. scharp & Wm. sengzeor.

Item, thrie pecie of evidentis wpon ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furt of the land of walter brechyn now in the handis of Robert Watsone.

Item, ane sasing wpon viij*s*. furt of the land of wmqll alexr. cuparis land in the wast syd of the schipraw. *Item*, ane vther annuell of xij*s*. furth of the round tabill.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis wpon tua annuelrentis, ane of xx*s*. furth of the land of wmqll rot. blindschell now pertening to thomas symne, and ane vther of x*s*. furth of the land of george dredy now pertening to John dredy.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis wpon ane annuelrent of four *s*. furth of the land of the gudman of gwin now pertening to Magnus duff & alexr. huntar.

Item, tua peice of evidentis of ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furth of the land now pertening to Johne roray.

Item, ane transsumpt of ane chartor wretin on paper wpon ane fewmaill of xxxvj*s*. 8*d*. furth of ane land lyand in the grene now pertening to the airis of wmqll duncan donaldson.

Item, tua peice of evidentis of ane annuelrent of viij*s*. iiij*d*. furth of the Ile of Candye occuipeit be Rot. gaireaucht.

Item, four peice of evidentis wpon ane fewferme of xl*s*. furth of ane land in the grene now pertening to andro Wmson, Sett out be the cheplans to ane callit Ross.

Item, ane chartor of ane vaist land in the nather kirkgett gevin be wmqll patrik badzenot to duncan skaletter, payand to the prouest and communite of abd. ane annuelrent of vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, ane sasing of ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furth of ane land lyand in the grene now pertening to the airis of vmqll duncan donaldson.

Item, ane chartor of certan annuelrentis extending to xxiiij*s*. wt. the sasing folowing therevpon furth of the landis of wmqll Jon Walker now pertening to andro gall and andro dwn.

Item, ane sasing wpon ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furth of the land of wmqll Jon Vaus now in the handis off Robert angous and now in the handis of alexr. merschell, maltman.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis of ane annuelrent of vj*s*. and of ane vther of xx*s*. furt of the land of Johne roicht lyand in the grene.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis in the fewmaill of aucht merkis furth of the landis of the airis of wmqll ao. michell lyand in the natherkirkget now in the handis of Gilbt. M'kya and Wm. pratt.

Item, ane chartor and sasing of ane annuelrent of xxvj*s*. 8*d*. furth of the land of wmqll george bissett now pertening to Mr. George bissett.

Item, ane Institution of sanct Thomas hospitall gevin to wmqll Sir thomas chalmer, curat.

Item, ane chartor and sasing of ane annuelrent of xij*s*. furth of the land of Sir Alexr. Robertson at the Justice port now in the handis of malcome Ker, And of ane vther annuelrent of xj*s*. furt of saidleris land besyd sanct thomas hospitell.

Item, ane chartor and sasing of ane annuelrent of xviij*s*. furth of the land of wmqll Wm. barron now in the handis of Jon craig baxster, and of ane annuelrent of vj*s*. furth of the land of wmqll Jon Mollison now pertening to thomas Jonson.

Item, tua peice of euidentis contening the richt of the cheplans to the land of the airis of wmqll Wm. ronaldson outwt the Justice port.

Item, fywe peice of evidentis, wherof four wpon ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furth of the land now of thomas Duvye, and ane annuel of x*s*. furth of the sam land and now in the handis of Jon anderson, flescher.

Item, four peice of evidentis wpon the land sumtyme of Jon dortie and now of the laird of frendret.

Item, ane transsumpt of ane chartor upon ane annuelrent of xiij*s*. iiij*d*. and of ane wther annuelrent of iij*s*. iiij*d*. furth of ane land pertening to thomas phepsone.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furth of ane land sumtym pertening to S. barbarais altar and now pertening to Robert Gray.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of v*s*. furth of ane land in the natherkirkgett.

Item, chartor and sasing of ane annuelrent of xxvj*s*. 8*d*. furt of the land now of thoas. cowy.

Item, ane chartor wt. ane decree wpon ane annuell off xvj*s*. 8*d*. furt of the land now of James Leslie.

Item, ane chartor of vj*s*. 8*d*. of ane land liand in the schipraw pertening to wmqll dauid Lyell and now to the constable.

Item, ane Instrument of sasing of ane annuell of vj*s*. 8*d*. furth of the land now of Johne banerman and Robert Jonstoun.

Item, sex peice of evidents of ane annuell of xx*s*. furt of the land of wmqll Wm. mengzes, elder, now of robert menzes.

Item, three peice of evidentis vpon ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furth of the land of wmqll alexr. nicolsone now of gilbert henrye in the north syd of the castlegett.

Item, ane sasing of the cheplanis on papir of ane land lyand in the eist end of the castlegett.

Item, ane charter of tua annuelrentis, ane of x*s*. 8*d*. furt of the land of wmqll gilbert kyntor in the castelget now of Jon gray, and of ane annuell of x*s*. furt of ane croft off bessie pratt now of alexr. cullen.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuell of vj*s*. furth of the land of wmqll robt. gray now of arthor panton.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of x*s*. furth of land of wmqll nicoll baxter now pertening to the airis of Mr. andro auchinlek, wt. wther thrie peice of evidentis wpon the same annuell, Togidder with ane annuell of vj*s*. wpon the land of the said arthor panton.

Item, tua peice of evidentis wpon ane annuell of v*s*. furth of the land of wmqll george wischert now pertening to Jon nicolsone.

Item, ane Instrument of sasing of ane annuell of xviij*s*. furth of the land of Johne Kempt baxter in the wastheid of the castelgett.

Item, ane chartor wpon nynten rudis of land lyand in the territorie of kyntor gevin be richart kyntor, prouest of Abd., to Mr. Jon chalmer, mr. of sanct thomas hospitall.

Item, xxj. peice of evidentis of the landis and annuelrentis of Inuervry.

Item, tua peice of land off ane annuelrent of xvj*s*. furth of the land of Sanct stevin.

Item, four peice of evidentis of ane annuelrent of xxx*s*. furth of the land of wmqll gilbert guthrie, qrof the forland pertening to gilbert guthrie, yr., and the Inland to the airis of wmqll patrik gordon.

Item, ane chartor gevin be wmqll Walter cullen wpon dyvers annuelrentis.

Item, ane chartor of aucht *s*. furth of the land of Alexr. ronaldson presentlie occupeit be him.

Item, Tua peice of evidentis wpon ane annuelrent of xiij*s*. 4*d*. furt of the land now of thomas philip now to philip rowst.

Item, ane chartor & sasing of ane annuelrent of xiij*s*. iiij*d*. furt of the land of wmqll Sir alexr. robertson.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furt of the land of wmqll Wm. karnes now pertening to henry forbes and gilbert Jameson.

Item, ane annuelrent of vij*s*. furt of the land sumtym of alexr. rutherfurd now of andro Jameson and andro watson.

Item, ane sasing of ane annuelrent of xxiiij*s*. furt of the land sumtyme of Straitton now of gilbert guthrie, elder.

Item, ane chartor & sasing of ane annuelrent of xiij*s*. iiij*d*. furt of the land of Wm. Jak.

Item, ane sasing of ane annuelrent of vij. furth of the land of now of George Lanyng, and of ane annuell of xl*d*. furt of the land of eduard quhyt.

Item, thrie peice off evidentis of ane annuell off vj*s*. 8*d*. furt of the land of mathow guild, and of ane wther annuell of v*s*. furth of the sd. land.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of xxiiij*s*. furth of the land of wmqll Jon arthor lyand on the northsyd of the overkirkget now pertening to Mr. Richard Irwing.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis wpon ane fewmaill of v. merkis furth of the land of wmqll James huntar now of Wm. oglay.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuell of xxv*s*. furt of the Inland of the aris of gilbt. falconer & of the forland now of George Straquhen now pertening to James Stewart, younger, and James dauidson, notar.

Item, ane chartor of v*s*. iiij*d*. furt of the land of wmqll Walter barron now pertening to george elphinstoun.

Item, ane chartor & sasing off ane annuelrent of xxviij*s*. furth of the land of the airis of wmqll Jas. robertson, cordonar, & Dauid Watson, tailzeor.

Item, twa peice of evidentis, ane vpon ane annuell of vij*s*., ane vther vpon ane annuell of vj*s*. furth of the land sumtym of alexr. Rutherfurd now of andro Jameson and andro Watson.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis contening thrie annuelrentis, ane of x*s*. furth of the land of wmqll Mr. Pa. rutherfurd, ane wther of sevin *s*. furth of the land of george straquhen and henry rotson, and ane vther of v*s*. furth of the land of the airis of Jon Jak & dauid banerman now to patrik forbes, zr. of Colquhone.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuell of x*s*. furt of the land of the said dauid banerman now to James banerman.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of xx*s*. furt of the land of wmqll alexr. reid, tailzeor, now pertening to Robert Wmson and to the airis of Jon reid.

Item, thrie peice of evidentis wpon ane annuell of four *s*. furth of the land of wmqll Rot. craig now pertening to William Loremer.

Item, ane sasing of ane annuell of vij*s*. furt of the land sumtyme off alexr. Rutherfurd now of andro Jameson & andro Watson.

Item, ane chartor gevin be wmqll Jon knollis of certain annuelrentis, ane wpon ane annuell furth of the land of robert Wmson, ane wther wpon ane annuell furth of the land of wmqll alexr. mar baxter now to the airis of Mr. Wm. dauidson.

Item, sex peice of evidentis wpon ane annuell of xij*s*. furt of the land of wmqll gavin wischart.

Item, ane chartor of ane annuelrent of xxiiij*s*. furt of the land of the said gawin vischart now of robert wischart.

Item, ane annuelrent of v*s*. furt of the land of kyntor now pertening to Robert wischert on the north syd of the overkirkgett.

Androw Scherar, wt. my hand.
Mr. Petir blakburne, witnes.
Mr. Thomas mollisone, scribe.
Alexr. Stwin, wt. my hand.

XLVIII.

In dei Nomine Amen . . . anno Incarnationis dominice Millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo nono mensis vero Aprilis die decimo septimo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Magister Alexander Cullen vnus balliuorum burgi de abirdene ad specialem et humilem supplicationem Vilhelmi Knowis burgensis de abirden pronepotis quondam Joannis Knowis burgensis dicti burgi et heredis legitimi defuncti dicti quondam Joannis eius proavi de Jure et titulo patronatus altaris sanctissimi precursoris domini nostri Jesu Christi beati Joannis Baptiste situati in ecclesie parochiali dicti burgi . . . Accessit personaliter cum dicto vilhelmo ad dictam ecclesiam et ibidem . . . possessionem . . . juris et tituli dicti patronatus altaris dicti Joannis baptiste dicto vilhelmo Knowis personaliter acceptanti . . . deliberauit . . . secundum tenorem inquisitionis fidedignorum ciuium coram preposito et balliuis dicti burgi vigesimo tertio die mensis martii ultime elapsi habite . . . Qua possessione facta prefatus vilhelmus . . . Totum Jus et titulum suum ac Jurisclameum dicti patronatus . . . In manibus et presentia dicti Magistri Alexandri Cullen Balliui . . . resignauit . . . in fauorem prouidi viri et dilecti sui fratris germani Georgii Knowis burgensis dicti burgi . . . Qua resignatione facta . . . prefatus magister alexander . . . sasinam . . . prefato Georgio . . . contulit . . . Acta erant hec in dicta ecclesia in loco vbi dictum altare situatum fuerat horam circiter primam a meridie presentibus Ibidem prouidis viris dauide Mar Gilberto bairnis burgensibus dicti burgi Thoma Strathauchin lanione incola eiusdem Vilhelmo hortoun pulsatore campanarum et Thoma cuik vno sergeandorum dicti burgi Testibus, etc.

Et ego vero Magister Thomas mollisounis, etc.

Abstract of XLVIII.

On 17th April, 1599, about 1 P.M., at the site of the Altar of S. John Baptist, in the Parish Church, compeared Mr. Alexander Cullen, baillie, and William Knowis, burgess, great grandson and heir of the late John Knowis

burgess; and the said Mr. Alexander delivered to the said William possession of the patronage of the said altar, conform to an inquisition of trustworthy citizens, held before the magistrates on 23rd March preceding; whereupon the said William resigned the same in favour of his brother, George Knowis, burgess, to whom the said Mr. Alexander granted sasine thereof. Witnesses: David Mar, Gilbert Bairnis, burgesses; Thomas Strathauchin, butcher; William Hortoun, bellringer; and Thomas Cuik, one of the sergeants.

All certified by Thomas Mollison, Notary.

XLIX.

Two extracts of a Decreet, dated 3rd December, 1602, pronounced by Mr. Thomas Nicolsone, Commissary of Aberdeen, in the action raised by the burgh of Aberdeen and Andro King, advocate, their common procurator and collector of the few maillis and chaplains annuals of the paroche kirkis of the said burgh, against Alexander Keyth of Balmuir, proprietor of the toun and lands of "waster eschintillie callit eschintillie reges"; Alexander Keythe, tacksman thairof; Robert Mill; John Mill; Alexander Drum; Gilbert Collie and Andrew Collie, tenants of the said lands, for an annual feuduty of five merks, which was in arrear for fourteen years at the date of the action.

L.

3 May, 1622. Inventar of the cheplanes wreittis delyverit be henrie forbes, qlk wes in the custodie of vmqll andro kyng.

Imprimis, ane seasing of Ten *s.* annuall out of tua ruddis in Invervrie be resignatioun of Johne Waus, cheplane; Mr. Dauid Nicolsoune, notar.

Item, ane chartor of aucht *s.* disponit be Andro Jack, burges of Invervrie, to Sir Jon litster, cheplane.

Item, ane seasing of aucht *s.*, and tua *s.* out of ruddis in Invervrie gevin to Elizabeth merchand be resignatioun of Alexr. leslie of Kincragye of the dait 14 Jary., 1524[-5]; Mr. David Nicolson, notar. *Item*, the charter whereupon the said seasing precedit.

Item, ane seasing of the samen tuo annuallis gewin to the cheplanes of S. nicolis kirk of Abd. be resignatioun of the said Elizat. merchand, of the dait forsaid; Mr. Dauid nicolsone, notar.

Item, ane seasing of aucht *s.* out of certane ruddis in Invervrie gewin to the cheplanes of S. Crispine and crispinian in Abd. be resignatioun of Andro Jack, burges of Invervrie, dated xj. aprill, 1510; Jon gareauth, notar.

Item, ane charter gewin be Walter badzenat, burges of Invervrie, of aucht *s.* annualrent furt of certane ruddis in Invervrie, disponit to Sir Jon Waus, cheplane; dated 17 Junii, 1522.

Item, the originall few charter grantit be the cheplanes of the choore of Sanct nicolas kirk of Abd. to andro durty of ane Tenement of land on the north syd of the castlegett now pertening to george rickard and to the airis of Alexr. howysone for zeirlie payment of tuelff merkis, with ane halff mark—to wit, xiij*s.* 4*d.* for ilk mark, and payand to the cheplane of Sanct salvatoris altar fourtie *s.* zeirlie, of the dait the xj. of Marche, 1532[-3].[1]

Item, the seasing of andro gordoun baxter, burges of Abd., of ane annualrent of sex *s.* aucht *d.* furth of certane ruddis in Invervrie, dated 7 marche, 1509[-10]; Sir Jon Stirling, notar.

Item, ane seasing of four *s.* annuall gewin to Jon badzenat out of certane rudis in Invervrie, dated 8 august, 1492.

Item, Alexr. Lesly of Kincragy his seasing as air to his father of tua annuallis, ane of aucht *s.*, the vther of tua *s.*, out of certane ruddis in Invervrie vnder the seall of the baillie, dated 14 Juni, 1524.

Item, ane seasing of some annuallis extending in all to aucht *s.* furth of certane ruiddis in Invervrie gewin to the cheplanes of S. nicolas; Willeam philpsone, notar; dated 17 Jary., 1522[-3].

Item, ane charter gewin be Walter banzeaut, burges of Invervrie, of ane annuall of ten *s.* to Sir Jon Waus, cheplane, furt of certane ruddis of Invervrie, dated 26 Febr., 1521[-2].

Item, ane summondis be delyverie of the lordis anent the merches of the common landis.

Item, ane decreit vpon the merches of the townes common landis vnder the subscription of Mr. thomas mollison, clerk, of the dait the sevint day of Juni, 1591.

Item, the commissars of aberdenes compulsitor aganes gilbt. mengzeis of petfoddellis for ane annualrent of Tuentie *s.*, qlk restis be the space of xxviij. zeris, the bygines befoir the dait of the decreit belonges to the exrs. of andro Kyng; the compulsitor is dated xxix. of aprill, 1618, sen the qlk tyme the said annuall belonges to the towne, extending to v. zeris.[2]

Item, ane decreit of the lordis quhairby the said action wes committit be thame to the Commissar of Abd., dated the 3 of decemb., 1616.

Item, ane decreit gewin be the toun of Abd. aganes the said gilbt. menzeis for the said annuall of Tuentie *s.* of the dait the xvij. of July, 1595, vnder the subscription of Mr. thomas mollison, clerk.

[1] On the margin—"to be persewit". [2] On the margin—"to be prosequite".

Item, ane Rentall on parchement writtin be Mr. Jon kenedy on the chaplanes annuallis.

Item, sevin peice of evidentis vpon Landis of Invervrie gewin in favoris of particular persones navayes concerning the toun of Abd.

Henrie forbes, wt. my hand.

Item, ane decreit arbitrall anent the landis of Cruiffis blank in the marches serving to no vse.

LI.

Inventory of the Writs and Evidents belonging to the Blackfriars of Aberdeen, searched and found out by the industry and travels of Sir Thomas Mengzes of Cults, knight, Provost of Aberdeen, and Walter Robertson, Clerk Depute of the said burgh. Which writs wer taken away and carried south be Friar Abircromby the time of the reformation of religion within the kingdom, which was in the year of God 1559, and no knowledge could be gotten of the said writs till this time—to wit, July, 1617.[1]

LII.

My lord Prouest, Baillies and Counsall of the burghe of Aberdeine, Wnto yor honoris humblie exponis and schawis I, Williame scherar, burges of the said burghe, That quhair I am provydit to the haill fruitis rentis and annuallis of Sanct Duthacs altarage, situat within Sanct Nicolas kirk of the same burghe, during all the dayis of my lyftyme, and sieing the toune are in possessioun of the haill remanent annuallis of the said kirk, I have resolueit for my pairt to dimitt my lyfrent richt of the haill annuallis belonging to the said alterage in your fauoris alsywell for all zeiris bygaine quhilk restis sen my Institutioune as in tyme comeing, And thairfoir humblie desyires that yor w. wold be pleased to grant competent recompence for the same as they sall think most met In respect I am ane niehbour of the toune wha has a great burdeine ; and may yor answer, etc.

17 Marcij, 1630. The Counsall grantis fourtie merkis to William Sherar for the dimissioun of his richt of the haill annuallis belonging to Sanct Duthas altar, To be peyit to him be the theasurer out of the kirk annuallis, quhilk salbe allowit to the said theasurer in his compts.

Robertson.

[1] See *Fasti Acad. Mariscall.*, p. 108.

LIII.

Copy of Summons by the Privy Council, dated the 14th June, 1630, anent an annual rent of 40*s*. granted by Robert II. on 9th April, 1378, out of the lands of Fyndon for the upholding of the Calsey in Cowie month. The annual rent had fallen into the hands of the Crown by the decease of John Craib, burgess of Aberdeen, without heirs, and previous to granting the annual rent to the burgh of Aberdeen, the summons is issued calling upon all interested to compeir before the Privy Council upon a day to be fixed.[1]

B.

FROM THE CHARTER ROOM OF KING'S COLLEGE, OLD ABERDEEN.

(SHUTTLE II. *Chaplaincy of S. Mary Magdalene.*)

I.

Letter of acknowledgment by William of Fodringham, burgess of Aberdeen, that he has assigned to his well beloved friend, Andrew Alansoun, burgess, the wadset of his land lying in the "Galogat" redeemed from John Wocat for the sum of £40. Dated and sealed at Aberdeen, 24th March, 146$\frac{1}{2}$.[2]

II.

Charter by William Fodringham, burgess, with consent of his son James, whereby in consideration of a certain sum received for the support of the latter at the Schools in Paris, there is conveyed to Andrew Alansoun, and Christian Cadiou his Spouse, a property on the west side of the Gallowgate. Dated 20th October, 1462.[3]

III.

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus giffarde burgensis burgi de Abirdene . . . salutem . . . Noueritis me dedisse . . . domino dauid waus curato perpetuo ecclesie parochialis de Abirdene ac capellano altaris beate Marie Magdalene in eadem ecclesia vnum annuum redditum viginti solidorum

[1] Put up together with the summons are four papers dealing with actions for the recovery of the annual rent from the Lairds of Durris and Pitfoddels, ranging in date from 1659 to 1667.

[2] Seal in very good preservation.

[3] Has the seals of Fodringham, Provost Richard Kintor, and Baillie Andrew Scherar.

. . . de illa terra mea jacente in vico nauium dicti burgi inter terram dauid blabir ex orientali parte ab vna et terram heredum quondam Johannis Strabolgy ex occidentali parte ab altera et communem viam regiam uersus boriam et torrentem de Dee versus austrum pro certa summa pecunie quam prefatus dominus dauid de mandato et legatione prouidi viri Andree Alani magistri sui michi fideliter persoluebat . . . pro augmentatione Capellanie primeue fundationis dicti altaris per ipsum quondam Andream fundate quam ipse dominus dauid nunc habet et possedet pro salute anime dicti Andree et Cristiane Cadiou sponse sue et pro animabus Walteri giffard et Agnetis Ancroft sponse et pro animabus mei Willelmi et Cristiane sponse mee et omnium fidelium defunctorum Tenendos . . . in puram et perpetuam elimosinam . . . a me . . . Faciendo . . . orationum suffragia. . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti Carte mee vna cum sigillo prouidi viri dauid Symsoun[1] vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris sasine . . . sunt appensa apud dictum burgum sexto die mensis Septembris Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo Septuagesimo quinto Testibus honorabilibus viris Andrea Chapman Stephano giffarde Johanne fechat Johanne meldrum Alexandro logy Alexandro Johannis Johanne Waus Alexandro de Camera duobus seriandorum et domino Roberto leis notario publico cum multis aliis.

Abstract of III.

William Giffarde, burgess, grants to Sir David Waus, curate of the Parish Church and chaplain of the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene therein, an annual rent of 20*s.*, from his land in the Shiprow between David Blabir's land on the E., the late John Strabolgy's heirs' land on the W., the king's highway on the N., and the Dee on the S., for a sum which the said Sir David paid on behalf of his master, Andrew Alanson, in augmentation of the original foundation of the said Altar by the said late Andrew, for the welfare of the souls of the said Andrew, Christiana his spouse, Walter Giffard, Agnes Ancroft his spouse, the granter William Giffard and Christiana his spouse, etc., to be held from the granter in pure alms, offering the usual prayers. Sealed by the granter, and by David Symsoun, baillie, at Aberdeen, 6th September, 1475. Witnesses: Andrew Chapman, Stephen Giffarde, John Fechat, John Meldrum, Alexander Logy, Alexander Johnson, John Waus, Alexander Chalmer, two of the serjeants, Sir Robert Leis, notary, etc.

[1] Both seals in good preservation.

IV.

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . Andreas Alanson burgensis burgi de Abirden et Cristiana Cadiou sponsa sua Salutem . . . Noueritis nos . . . pro augmentatione cultus diuini . . . in honore et veneratione omnipotentis dei et gloriose virginis marie . . . dedisse . . . deo et altari beate marie magdalene cituato in ecclesia parochiali beati nicholaii de Abirden et domino roberto roull capellano . . . totam et integram illam terram nostram burgagiam inter terram heredum quondam roberti fraser ex boriali parte ex una et terram Alexandri blindsel ex australi partibus ex altera et duas vias regias versus oriens et occidens necnon duo crofta jacentia infra territorium croftorum dicti burgi quorum unum jacet ad finem vici castri et vocatur vulgariter le Sow croft inter montem castri dicti burgi ex australi parte ex una et communem venellam qua itur ad le lynkis ex parte boriali et croftum thome Nicholaii versus oriens et communem viam regiam versus occidens Aliud vero croftum jacet ad finem vici furcarum et vocatur le Calsay croft inter croftum Alexandri Meignes ex australi parte ex una et quandam magnam paludem ex boriali parte ex altera et communem viam regiam qua itur ad le crovis versus oriens necnon unum annuum redditum viginti unius solidorum et octo denariorum exeuntem annuatim de terris quondam Johannis blindsele jacentibus in vico viridi inter terram quondam thome cran ex boriali parte ex una et terram patricii culpar ex australi parte ex altera et communem viam regiam qua itur a dicta parochiali ecclesia beati nicholaii ad domum fratrum carmelitarum uersus occidens prout se extendit in longitudine ad torrentem molendini versus oriens cum uno annuo redditu quinque solidorum alterius terre ipsius quondam Johannis blindsele jacentis in fotino inter terram domini Abbatis de Abirbrothocht ex boreali parte ex una et terram Johannis forster ex australi parte ex altera quequidem terra supradicta cum croftis et annuis redditibus se extendunt ad summam quindecim marcarum exceptis dictis duabus marcatis annui redditus que ordinantur ad releuanda et warantizanda illa duo crofta supradicta de duabus marcis annui redditus quas prefatus quondam Johannes blindsele vendidit . . . magistro duncano lichtoun Cancellario Abirdonensi Tenendos . . . in pura et perpetua elimosina . . . a nobis . . . Faciendo . . . orationum suffragia . . . Insuper volumus . . . quod dictus capellanus et sui successores capellani dicti altaris celebrari facient annuatim ad dictum altare unum trigintale cum placebo et dirige solempniter per capellanos dicte ecclesie generaliter ad numerum triginta capellanorum habitis honestis et hominaribus decentibus pro animabus nostris supradictis eorum sumptibus . . . in dominica et sabbato festum corporis Christi immediate sequentibus et Incipiendo

in proximo festo datam presentium immediate sequenti et abhinc continuando . . . Volumus Insuper quod Jus patronatus dicte Capellanie . . . heredibus meis dicti Andree Alani . . . remaneat. In Cuius rei testimonium ego prefatus Andreas Alansoun Sigillum proprium presentibus apposui . . . Et quia ego Cristiana Cadiou que huiusmodi donationi consentii . . . et juramentum prestiti corporale in premissis . . . sigillum proprium non habui sigillum honorabilis viri Alexandri meignes burgensis dicti burgi unacum sigillo Johannis de kintor unius balliuorum dicti burgi[1] . . . presentibus apponi procuraui Apud Abirden vicesimo die mensis Marcii Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo septimo Testibus honorabilibus viris Alexandro de Camera tunc preposito Ricardo de kintor Johanne fyf Johanne mar Alexandro blindsele Johanne brok dauid colysoun Johanne Stewynsoun Roberto de kyntor Willelmo alani thoma alani burgensibus Andrea Scherar thoma de Camera gilberto de kintor tribus balliuorum dicti burgi.

Abstract of IV.

Andrew Alanson, burgess, and Christiana Cadiou his spouse, for the increase of divine worship, and in honour of God and the Blessed Virgin, etc., grant to God and the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene in the Church of S. Nicholas, and to Sir Robert Roull, chaplain, their land lying between late Robert Fraser's heirs' land on N., Alexander Blindsel's on S., and king's two highways on E. and W.; also two crofts within the zone of crofts, one, the Sow Croft, at the end of the Castlegate between the Castlehill on S., the common wynd leading to the links on N., Thomas Nicholson's croft on E., and the king's highway on W., the other, the Calsay Croft, at the end of the Gallowgate, between Alexander Meignes' croft on S., a large marsh on N., and king's highway to the Cruives on E.; also an annual rent of 21*s.* 8*d.* from late John Blindsele's lands in the Green between late Thomas Cran's land on N., Patrick Culpar's on S., king's highway from S. Nicholas Kirk to Carmelites Place on W., and Mill burn on E.; with an annual rent of 5*s.* from another of late John Blindsele's lands in Futty, between Abbot of Aberbrothock's land on N. and John Forster's on S.: said land, crofts, and annual rents amounting to fifteen merks, less two marks of annual rent from said crofts sold by said late John Blindsele to Mr. Duncan Lichtoun, Chancellor of Aberdeen. To be held in alms from the granters, offering up the usual prayers. The granters further direct the chaplain to perform yearly a trenthal with *Placebo* and *Dirige* for souls aforesaid on Sunday and Saturday following the Feast of Corpus Christi; the patronage of the said chaplaincy to remain in the heirs of the granter. Sealed by

[1] All three seals in good preservation.

Andrew Alanson and (in default of a seal for Christiana Cadiou) by Alexander Meignes, burgess, and John de Kintor, baillie, at Aberdeen, 20th March, 146⅞. Witnesses: Alexander Chalmer, provost; Richard de Kintor, John Fyf, John Mar, Alexander Blindsele, John Brok, David Colysoun, John Stewynsoun, Robert de Kyntor, William Alanson, Thomas Alanson, burgesses; Andrew Scherar, Thomas Chalmer, Gilbert de Kintor, baillies.

V.

In dei Nomine Amen . . . anno ab Incarnatione domini millesimo CCCC^mo Septuagesimo tertio mensis vero Septembris die XII°. . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter Constitutus prouidus et discretus vir Andreas Alani burgensis burgi de Abirdene propter affectionem carnalem quam habuit carissimo fratri suo Thome Alani burgensi dicti burgi . . . dedit . . . Jus patronatus omnium Capellaniarum fundatarum et fundandarum per ipsum Andream in ecclesia parochiali dicti burgi ad altare beate marie magdalene predicto Thome alani fratri suo et heredibus suis cum potestate presentandi capellanum et capellanos . . . totiens quotiens vacare contingerit . . . Acta erant hoc in Camera dicti Andree hora Vndecima vel vocata ante merediem . . . presentibus . . . magistro Andrea liel thesaurario Abirdonensi Alexandro Menzes Andrea scherar Alexandro trayle dominis dauid waus curato de Abirdene Willelmo donaldi Alexandro Alani et Alexandro logy cum diuersis aliis, etc. . . .

Et Ego robertus leis . . . publicus . . . notarius. . . .

Abstract of V.

On 12th September, 1473, at 11 A.M., compeared Andrew Alanson, burgess, and transferred to his brother Thomas the patronage of all chaplaincies founded or to be founded by him at the Altar of S. Mary Magdalen. Witnesses: Mr. Andrew Liel, treasurer, Alexander Menzes, Andrew Scherar, Alexander Trayle, Sirs David Waus, curate, William Donaldson, Alexander Alanson, Alexander Logy, etc.

All certified by Robert Leis, notary.

VI.

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . Dauid waus Capellanus perpetuus altaris beate Marie Magdalene in ecclesia parochiali burgi de Abirdene situati

Salutem . . . Noueritis me cum consensu et assensu prouidi viri Andree Alani burgensis dicti burgi ac patroni mei dicti Altaris dedisse . . . Gilberto Morison burgensi dicti burgi totam et integram illam terram meam jacentem in vico viridi eiusdem burgi inter terram Thome keng ex australi parte ab vna et terram heredum quondam Thome crane ex boriali parte ab altera et communem viam regiam versus occidens prout se extendit in longitudine et latitudine ad torrentem decurrentem a molendino superiore ad inferius versus oriens quamquidem terram . . . ad quatuor capitalia placita per processus legitime ductos atque probatos ob defectum solutionis cuiusdam annui redditus undecem solidorum et octo denariorum vsualis monete Scotie michi de dicta terra debiti juridice recuperaui juxta laudabiles . . . consuetudines burgorum . . . Tenendam . . . de me . . . in feodo et hereditate ac in libero burgagio . . . reddendo michi et successoribus meis capellanis dicti altaris annuatim vnum annuum redditum vndecem solidorum et octo denariorum . . . In Cuius Rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee vnacum Sigillo Johannis waus vnius balliuorum dicti burgi ac datoris sasine . . . una cum sigillo dicti Andree patroni mei in signum sui consensus sunt appensa Apud dictum burgum vicesimo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo tertio Testibus prouidis viris Andrea Scherar tunc preposito tempore recuperationis dicte terre Alexandro Menzes henrico ruthirfurde Alexandro rede thoma Mar Dauid Mar Moricio talzour Johanne Wellis burgensibus domino Roberto leis capellano et notario publico Alexandro andree et philippo de dumbreck seriandis cum multis aliis.

Abstract of VI.

David Waus, chaplain of the Altar of S. Mary Magdalen, with consent of Andrew Alanson, burgess, patron thereof, grants to Gilbert Morison, burgess, his land in the Green, between Thomas King's land on S., late Thomas Crane's heirs' land on N., king's highway on W., burn from Upper to Lower Mill on E., recovered by granter in default of payment of an annual rent of 11*s.* 8*d.*; to be held of the granter; paying an annual rent of like amount. Sealed by granter, by John Waus, baillie, and by said Andrew, at Aberdeen, 20th January, $147\frac{3}{4}$. Witnesses: Andrew Scherar, provost; Alexander Menzes, Henry Ruthirfurde, Alexander Rede, Thomas Mar, David Mar, Morice Talzour, John Wellis, burgesses; Sir Robert Leis, chaplain and notary; Alexander Anderson and Philip Dumbreck, sergeants, etc.

VII.

In nomine domini Amen . . . anno Incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonogesimo secundo mensis vero Januarii die decima quarta . . . In mei Notarii Publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus prouidus vir Thomas waus burgensis de Abirdene verus et indubitatus patronus cuiusdam annui redditus quadraginta solidorum . . . de illa sua terra quam inhabitat jacente in vico castri burgi de Abirdene inter terram Johannis Wormot ex parte occidentali ex parte vna et terram Johannis Sinclar in orientali terramque dauid themanin Aurifabri ex australi et communem viam Regiam ex boriali partibus ab alteris quemquidem annuum redditum quondam bone memorie magister Thomas waus precentor morauiensis patruus dicti thome fundauit . . . vni capellano infra ecclesiam parochialem beati Nicholai de Aberdene ad altare sancti Martini in eadem perpetualiter celebraturo . . . dilectum consanguineum suum dominum Robertum Waus ad dictum altare quoadiunxerit seruiturum presentauit et dictum annuum redditum . . . dicto domino Roberto . . . assignauit traditionem sui vireti dicto domino Roberto in signum possessionis . . . conferendo Indulsitque dictus Thomas prefato domino roberto suo presentato . . . usque ad festum penthecostes proxime future apud ecclesiam cathedralem Aberdonensem cum suo seruitio incepto et nondum finito . . . remanere et quoquidem termino penthecostes aduenerit Vlterius de consilio carissimi patrui sui magistri Martini waus decani Rossensis pollicitus est in omnibus se facturum volens Animas suorum predicessorum fundatorum missarum et orationum dicendarum de suffragio ad dictum altare minime decipi vel postponi Preterea voluit dictus Thomas quendam annuum redditum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum nonnuper fundatum per quondam dominum dauid waus vicarium de banf et relictum Capellanie ecclesie beati nicholaii de Aberdene pro anniuersario annuatim celebrando ad altare beati martini in eadem pro animabus dicti quondam dauid et recolende memorie magistri thome waus precentoris antedicti . . . distribui per dictum dominum Robertum suum admissum ad dictum Altare beati Martini sicut ipse coram supremo judice fuerit responsurus . . . Acta fuerunt hec in hospicio dicti decani Rossensis apud burgum de Aberdene hora secunda post meredien . . . presentibus . . . magistro martino waus decano Rossensi sepedicto et Ricardo waus burgense de Aberdene. . . .

Et Ego Johannes Baidenagh . . . notarius publicus. . . .

Abstract of VII.

On 14th January, 149 , about 2 P.M., compeared Thomas Waus, burgess,

and presented his cousin, Sir Robert Waus, to the chaplaincy of the Altar of S. Martin, in the Church of S. Nicholas, and to an annual rent of 40*s*. from his land in the Castlegate, between John Wormet's on W., Thomas Sinclar's on E., David Themanin (goldsmith) 's on S., and king's highway on N., granted by the said Thomas' uncle, Mr. Thomas Waus, Precentor of Moray, to a chaplain to serve at the said altar, the said Sir Robert to continue to serve in the Cathedral of Aberdeen till Pentecost next, and to be guided in all things by the advice of his uncle, Mr. Martin Waus, Dean of Ross. Further, the said Thomas willed that an annual rent of 13*s*. 4*d*., founded by Sir David Waus, Vicar of Banff, for celebrating an anniversary at the same altar for the souls of the said David and Mr. Thomas, be administered by the said Robert. Witnesses: Mr. Martin Waus, Dean of Ross; Richard Waus, burgess.

All certified by John Baidenagh, notary.

VIII.

Collation by William (Elphinstone), Bishop of Aberdeen, of Robert Waus, to the chaplaincy of Mary Magdalene, within the Church of S. Nicholas, on the resignation of Sir David Waus, Vicar of Banff, last chaplain. Dated 5th December, 1492.[1]

IX.

Uniuersis et singulis ad quorum noticiam presentes litere pervenerint Alexander Chamer filius Thomas fiff Andreas Cullane senior et Thomas lesly Balliui burgi de Aberdene[2] . . . salutem . . . coram nobis in pretorio dicti burgi pro tribunali sedentibus die lune quinto die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonogesimo quinto In plena et capitali curia Accessit ad barram discretus vir dominus Robertus Waus capellanus perpetuus altaris beate Marie Magdalene infra ecclesiam perrochialem dicti burgi situati et petiit a communi clerico tres processus per ipsum legittime deductos in tribus curiis capitalibus precedentibus perlegi de et super recuperatione cuiusdam terre vaste olim Wilhelmi giffard pertinentis . . . jacentis infar dictum burgum in vico nauium ex australi parte eiusdem vici inter terram Johannis blak ex orientali ex vna et terram patricii Andersone ex occidentali partibus ab altera communem viam regiam versus boriam et torrentem sancte trinitatis versus austrum in defectu solutionis vnius annui redditus viginti solidorum vsualis monete scotie sibi et

[1] Sealed with the Bishop's Round Seal.

[2] The seals of Chalmer, Fife, and Cullan in good preservation—that of Leslie wanting.

dicto Altari a longo tempore debiti . . . Quibus . . . perlectis . . . decretum fuit per Curiam et datum pro judicio per os Johannis Wilzeamsone indicatoris curie quod ipse dominus Robertus proprietatem . . . prefate terre . . . legittime recuperauit . . . super quibus . . . dictus dominus Robertus nostras litteras testimoniales nostris sigillis roboratas vnacum subscriptione notarii publici . . . reuerentia debita petiit quas eidem . . . concessimus . . . Coram . . . Alexandro chamer de Murthill preposito Alexandro Mengheis Roberto blinseil Alexandro reid thoma prat Andrea Branche Willelmo blinseill Willelmo kintor burgensibus dicti burgi Andrea Naughty Jacobo leis Et henrico Orvm sergeandis.

Et Ego Johanne Stirueling . . . publicus . . . Notarius. . . .

Abstract of IX.

On 5th October, 1495, in presence of Alexander Chamer, Thomas Fiff, Andrew Cullane, senior, and Thomas Lesly, baillie, sitting in the baillie court, compeared at the bar Sir Robert Waus, chaplain of the altar of S. Mary Magdalen, in the parish church, and requested the clerk to read three processes anent the recovery of a waste land formerly William Giffard's, lying on the S. of the Shiprow, between John Black's land on E., Patrick Anderson's on W., king's highway on N., and Trinity burn on S., in default of payment of an annual rent of 20*s*., long overdue; which being read, the court decreed, and caused to be proclaimed by John Williamsone, crier, that the said claim had been established, and granted letters testifying thereto. Witnesses: Alexander Chamer of Murthill, provost; Alexander Mengheis, Robert Blinseil, Alexander Reid, Thomas Prat, Andrew Branche, William Blinseill, William Kintor, burgesses; Andrew Naughty, James Leis, and Henry Orum, sergeants.

All certified by John Stirveling, notary.

X.

Collation by William (Elphinstone), bishop of Aberdeen, of Sir Andrew Gray, to the chaplaincy of Mary Magdalene, within the church of S. Nicholas, on the resignation of Robert Waus, last chaplain; dated at Edinburgh, 21st March, $150\frac{1}{2}$.[1]

XI.

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . dominus Andreas gray capellanus perpetuus altaris Sancte Marie Magdalene infra ecclesiam parrochialem beati nicholai

[1] Sealed with the Bishop's Round Seal and that of Duncan Murray, N.P.

de abirdene situati . . . Salutem Noueritis me cum expressis consensu . . . Reuerendi in Christo patris . . . Willelmi . . . Abirdonensis episcopi patroni veri et indubitati eiusdem . . . dedisse Willelmo Sclater latuno incole dicti burgi Totam et integram illam terram penitus vastam . . . Jacentem infra eundem burgum in vico viridi quo itur a cimiterio Sancti Nicholaii ad locum fratrum carmilitarum ex orientali parte eiusdem vici inter terram Johannis fynne ex australi ex vna et terram Alexandri Sclater ex boreali partibus ab altera et communem viam regiam versus occidens extendentem in longitudine ad Torrentem siue aqueductum molendinorum versus oriens Tenendam . . . a me . . . de . . . Rege . . . in libero burgagio . . . reddendo michi et successoribus meis capellanis perpetuis dicti altaris undecim solidos . . . In Cuius Rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum et sigillum dicti Reuerendi in Christo patris patroni dicti altaris . . . vnacum sigillo honorabilis viri Johannis collisone vnius balliuorum dicti Burgi ac datoris sasine . . . sunt appensa apud abirdene vicesimo primo die mensis maii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram fidedignis viris Thoma Gledstane patricio Adamsone Willelmo fynne gilberto mernocht Jacobo mylne incolis dicti Burgi domino donaldo Andersoune Capellano Willelmo Scrimgeour Andrea nachty sergiandis . . . et domino Johanne Struueling notario publico.

Hec est vera copia principalis carte. . . .

Abstract of XI.

Sir Andrew Gray, chaplain of the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene, in the Church of S. Nicholas, with consent of William, bishop of Aberdeen, patron thereof, grants to William Sclater, mason, a land on the E. of the Green, running from the burying ground of S. Nicholas to the Carmelites' Place, between John Fynne's land on S., Alexander Sclater's on N., king's highway on W., Mill burn on E.; to be held from the granter of the king; paying to the chaplains of the said altar 11*s.* yearly. Sealed at Aberdeen by the granter, by the Bishop, and by John Collisone, baillie, giver of sasine, 21st May, 1504. Witnesses: Thomas Gledstane, Patrick Adamsone, William Fynne, Gilbert Mernocht, James Mylne; Sir Donald Andersone, chaplain; William Scrimgeour, Andrew Nachty, sergeants; and Sir John Stirveling, notary. [True Copy.]

XII.

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . Magister Johannes Cumyng Capellanus perpetuus altaris Beate Marie Magdalene situati infra ecclesiam parrochi-

alem Beati Nicholaii de Aberdene . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . suplemento diuini cultus diligenter considerato Et presertim ne anime fundatorum debito defraudentur obsequio . . . vnacum expressis consensu . . . domini Jacobi kincrady decani pro tempore Aberdonensis et capituli ecclesie cathedralis eiusdem . . . necnon . . . Magistri hectoris Boecii principalis noui et pontificalis collegii Aberdonensis . . . dedisse . . . Johanni Watsone burgensi burgi de Aberdene totam et integram terram meam penitus vastam . . . Jacentem infra dictum burgum in vico nauium ex australi parte eiusdem vici Inter terram Johannis blak conburgensis dicti burgi ex orientali ex vna et terram dicti Johannis Watsone ex occidentali partibus ab altera communem viam regiam versus boream et torrentem Sancte trinitatis versus austrum . . . Tenendam . . . a me . . . de rege . . . in libero burgagio . . . Reddendo inde annuatim michi et successoribus meis capellanis dicti altaris vnum annuum redditum viginti solidorum . . . In Cuius Rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum et sigilla communia capituli ecclesie cathedralis Aberdonensis et noui pontificalis collegii Aberdonensis in signum eorundem consensus unacum sigillo honorabilis viri Andree fyff vnius ballivorum Oppidi de Aberdene ac datoris sasine . . . Apud Aberdoniam et Aberdene [*sic*] duodecimo die mensis Decembris Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo quinto Coram . . . Willelmo cheishome Andrea craufurd Waltero craufurd Andrea Mortymer burgensibus de Aberdene Willelmo scrimgeour Dauid herroun sergeandis . . . Et domino Johanne Sterueling notario publico vnacum subscriptionibus manualibus Canonicorum et magistrorum prefate ecclesie cathedralis et noui collegii pontificalis Aberdonensis.[1]

Abstract of XII.

Mr. John Cumyng, chaplain of the altar of S. Mary Magdalene, in the Church of S. Nicholas, for the increase of divine worship, and in honour of the founders, with consent of Sir James Kincrady, Dean of Aberdeen, and of the chapter of the Cathedral, and of Hector Boece, Principal of the New and Papal College, grants to John Watson, burgess, his land on the S. of the Shiprow, between John Blak, burgess's land, on E., John Watson's on W., king's highway on N., and Trinity burn on S. ; to be held from the granter of the king ; paying to the chaplains of the said altar an annual rent of 20*s*. Sealed by the granter and by Andrew Fyff, baillie, and giver of sasine, and with the common seals of the chapter and

[1] The seals of Cuming, Fife, and the New College (King's) are in fair preservation—the chapter seal is awanting. There are no signatures to the charter.

the college, at Aberdeen, 12th December, 1515. Witnesses: William Cheishome, Andrew Craufurd, Walter Craufurd, Andrew Mortymer, burgesses; William Scrimgeour, David Herroun, sergeants; Sir John Stirueling, notary, etc.

XIII.

Collation by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and Hector Boece, Principal of the New College (King's), of Mr. Hector Myrtoun to the chaplaincy of S. Mary Magdalene in S. Nicholas' Church on the resignation of Mr. Thomas Clark, last chaplain. Dated 10th July, 1518.[1]

XIV.

Sasine under the hand of David Nicholson, notary public, following on the resignation of John Watson, senior, burgess of Aberdeen, in favour of John Black, burgess, of a property newly built on the south side of the Shiprow. 16th December, 1523.

XV[1].

Precept by William Lesly of Balquhain, sheriff of Aberdeen, obtained at the instance of the Principal and sub-principal of the College of Aberdeen, patrons of the chaplaincy of S. Mary Magdalene, and Mr. John Kennedy, present chaplain of the same, arresting in the hands of John Robertson, dwelling in the Gallowgate, certain goods belonging to Mr. Hector Myrtoun, last chaplain, and summoning him to appear before the said sheriff to show reason why he refused to deliver up a chest and chalice belonging to the said chaplaincy, or else to pay over the sum of twenty-four merks arrested in his hand for that cause, 16th November, 1563.

XV[2].

Curia balliuorum burgi de Abirdene tenta in pretorio eiusdem vigesimo nono die mensis Julij anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo primo per honorabiles viros Thomam menzes prepositum magistrum Johannem gordoun et Alexandrem rutherfurd duos balliuorum dicti burgi pro tribunali sedentes.

The said day the prowest and ballies forsayd commandit and ordanit Alexr. kay officiar to pass wt. maister hector myrtoune cheplane of mare magdalenis alter situat wtin the parroche kirk of Abirdene and compryos ane pece of gray clayt of fyiv quarteris pertening to Johun metchell for fyiv schillingis

[1] Sealed with the secret seal of the Chapter.

of annuell rent awand to the sayd maister hector as cheplane of the said alter of the mertimes terme last bypast in the yeir of god ane thowsand fyiv hundreit and fourty yeiris of ane land pertening to alexr. menzes quhilk the said Johun inhabitis lyand on the est syd of the gallowgaytt betuix the land of george quhytt on the south part and the land of the said alexr. on the north partt And sickik chargit hym to pound the sayd land for vder fyif schillingis of annuell rent of the vyt sounday terme last bypast quhilk extendis yeirly to tene schillingis scottis of annuell rent.

Heir followis the comprysing of fyiv quarteris of gray clayt and ane Irn pott pertening to Johun metchell for ten schillingis of annuell rent . . . maid and comprysit be alexr. kay officiar at command of the prowest and ballies.

The third day of august in the yeir of god ane thowsand fyiv hundreith fourtty and ane yeir Robert Indeaucht and Thom pattoune sworne prysaris comprysit the said fyiv quarteris of gray clayt to four schillingis and the said Irn pott to tene *s.* as first day of process.

The saxt day of august and yeir of god forsaid Thomas myll andro Vilson and Thom pattoune youngar sworn prysaris comprysit the said clayt and pott to the pryce aboune wrytine as secund day of process.

The tent day of August and yeir of god forsaid Thomas reid Johnne schippertt and Thomas myll sworne prysaris comprysit the said pece gray clayt and Irn pott to the sowmes of money abone wrytin as third day of process.

Penultimo die mensis augusti anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo primo.

The said day the prowest and ballies chargit alexr. kay officiar to pass to the mercatt croce and royp the gray clayt and Irn pott comprysit be hym at the instans of maister hector myrtoune for tene schillingis of annuell rent and expensis of courtt and offir the saymn to the party of the samyn pryce and gyf be refusis, To mak money thairof and payment to the said maister hector.

Ita est Dauid nicholson Scriba communis. . . .

XVI.

Petition to William (Gordon), bishop of Aberdeen, by the Principal, sub-principal, rector, and regents of the new King's College of Aberdeen,[1] praying that Mr. John Kennedy be presented to the chaplaincy of S. Mary Magdalene, vacant by the death of Mr. Hector Myrton, 31st March, 1563.[2]

[1] Note that it is no longer called "Papal": the Reformation had taken place.

[2] Sealed with the Common Seal of the College, and signed by the Rector, Principal, etc.

XVII.

Collation by William, Bishop of Aberdeen, of Mr. John Kennedy, to the chaplaincy of S. Mary Magdalene in S. Nicholas' Church on the death of Mr. Hector Myrtoun, last chaplain, 8th April, 1563,[1] with sasine of the same, under the hand of John Hay, notary, of date, 30th April, 1563.

(SHUTTLE IX., NO. 4.)

Omnibus hanc Cartam visuris . . . Johannes Sthevyne filius et heres quondam Richardi Sthevyne burgensis burgi de Abirdene . . . Salutem Noueritis me . . . concessisse . . . Jacobo Colisoun conburgensi dicti burgi totam et integram illam terram meam burgagiam . . . tam anteriorem quam interiorem Jacentem infra dictum burgum in vico furcarum ex occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terram Andree Murray ex australi ex una et terram quondam thome de Camera ex boriali partibus ex altera et communem viam regiam versus oriens extendentem in longitudine ad lacum dicti burgi versus occidens . . . Tenendam . . . a me . . . de fratribus portantibus Stellam bethleem . . . in libero burgagio . . . Reddendo . . . prefatis fratribus domus de bethleem et suis successoribus dimidietatem libre Cere ad festum penthicostes Ac Soluendo annuatim capellano perpetuo altaris Beati Stephani prothomartyris infra ecclesiam parochialem beati nicholaii de Abirdene unum annuum redditum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum . . . In Cuius Rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum et sigillum prouidi viri Andree Culane unius balliuorum sunt appensa Apud Abirdene primo die mensis Marcii Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonogesimo Coram prouidis viris domino dauid Waus vicario de banf Johanne Collisone Waltero Auchneywe Willelmo blinsell magistro Richardo crafurde duncano Colisone burgensibus philippo dumbrek Sergiando et domino Johanne Stirueling presbitro ac notario publico.

Abstract of IX., 4.

John Sthevyne, son and heir of late Richard Sthevyne, burgess, grants to James Colisoun, coburgess, his burgage land on the W. of the Gallowgate, between Andrew Murray's land on the S., the late Thomas Chalmer's on the N., king's highway on E., and Loch on W. : to be held of the Friars bearing the Star of Bethlehem : paying to the said Friars one half pound of wax at

[1] Signed and sealed with the Bishop's Round Seal.

Pentecost, and to the chaplain of the Altar of S. Stephen, Martyr, within the Church of S. Nicholas, an annual rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* Sealed by granter and by Andrew Culane, baillie, at Aberdeen, 1st March, 149$^{0}_{1}$. Witnesses: Sir David Waus, Vicar of Banff; John Collisone, Walter Auchneywe, William Blinsell, Mr. Richard Crafurde, Duncan Colisone, burgesses; Philip Dumbrek, sergeant; and Sir John Stirveling, priest and notary.

(SHUTTLE XXVIII., No. 17.)

In dei nomine Amen . . . Anno Incarnacionis dominice millesimo quingentesimo quarto mensis vero februarii die decimo sexto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus venerabilis vir Robertus elphinstoun rector de kincardin asserens quod alias concordatum fuit inter . . . Willelmum episcopum Abirdonensem ex vna et magistrum Johannem chamer partibus ab altera quia idem magister Johannes renunciauerat omni juri et juris clameo quod habuit . . . ad hospitale sancti germani cum annexis et annue pensioni quarundem decimarum garbalium ecclesie de Abirluthnot Sancti Andree diocesis pro summa quinquaginta marcarum monete scocie sibi annuatim soluendarum per magistros, studentes et legentes in nono collegio beate Virginis marie sub titulo de Natiuitate in Vniuersitate Abirdonensi prefato magistro Johanni . . . donec et quousque dictus reverendus pater sibi prouideret in beneficio seu beneficiis ant Capellaniis extendentibus ad summam quinquaginta marcarum Et quia dictus reuerendus pater eidem magistro Johanni rectoriam ecclesie de fethirneir provisit . . . in compensatione . . . viginti librarum . . . volensque . . . capellaniam altaris beate marie Magdalene in ecclesia beati nicholai de abirdein fundatam tunc vacantem . . . in contentatione residui . . . conferre . . . Instrumentum . . . collationis . . . prefate capellanie . . . eidem magistro Johanni exhibuit . . . Quod idem . . . reverenter accipiens . . . prefatos reuerendos patrem cancellarium dicte Vniuersitatis magistros legentes et studentes ac possessores dicte ecclesie de Abirluthnot . . . quieteclamauit imperpetuum . . . Acta erant hec in dicta ecclesia hora quasi duodecima . . . presentibus . . . magistris alexandro ffiff dauid menzeis thoma chamer domino andrea colisoun capellanis alexandro gray johanne wormet andrea barrie. . . .

Et Ego Johannes Stirueling, etc.

Abstract of XXVIII., 17.

On 16th February, 150$^{4}_{5}$, about noon, compeared, in the Church of S. Nicholas, Robert Elphinstoun, Parson of Kincardin, and narrated how Mr. John

Chamer had resigned his rights to the Hospital of S. Germains, and to an annual pension from the teind sheaves of the Church of Abirluthnot, for an annual payment of fifty merks by the masters, readers, and students of the New College of the Blessed Virgin, and had received from Bishop Elphinstoun, in part equivalent for said payment, the parsonage of Fethirneir ; and further, did now present to the said Mr. John an instrument of collation to the vacant chaplaincy of the altar of S. Mary Magdalen, in the said Church of S. Nicholas : which the said Mr. John accepted in full satisfaction of said payment. Witnesses : Mrs. Alexander Fiff, David Menzeis, Thomas Chamer, and Sir Andrew Colisoun, chaplains ; Alexander Gray, John Wormet, Andrew Barrie.

All certified by John Stirveling.

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From the Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, 1294-1507.

I. (Vol. i. p. 35.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis Malcolmus de Palogoueny et Duncanus mercator burgenses de Aberden salutem eternam in Domino Quia communitas burgi de Aberden vnanimiter concessit inperpetuum nobis et heredibus nostris omnes terras et redditus quos magister Ricardus cementarius quondam burgensis de Aberden in sua prosperitate dedit et contulit pro salute anime sue Elene sponse sue et omnium fidelium Deo et beate Marie et altari beati Johannis apostoli et evangeliste in ecclesia beati Nicholai de Aberden prout in carta collationis predicti magistri Ricardi plenius continetur quam cartam penes nos habemus sub hac forma quod nos et heredes nostri inueniemus quemdam ydoneum capellanum inperpetuum dicto altari pro quinque marcis annuis deseruiturum et inueniendo honeste libros luminaria et omnia cetera ornamenta ad dictum altare de jure spectantia et etiam dimidiam marcam annuam scilicet unam medietatem luminari ante crucem in dicta ecclesia et aliam medietatem luminaria beate Marie Virginis in eadem ecclesia Nos predicti Malcolmus et Duncanus obligauimus illum redditum annualem quatuor marcarum in quo Laurentius Swyn nobis tenetur de illis duabis celdis cum solario iacentibus ex australi parte loci qui dicitur le Kucstule in burgo de Aberden scilicet per me Nicholaum [*Malcolmum*] viginti solidos et per me Duncanum duas marcas cum dimidia et de illis celdis per me Nicholaum [*Malcolmum*] que fuerunt Jacobi Cramp viginti solidos quas celdas Thomas filius Alicie burgensis de Aberden de me Malcolmo tenet. . . . In cuius rei

testimonium presentibus literis sigilla nostra apponi fecimus datum apud Aberden die Mercurij proximo post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno gratie M° · CC° · nonogesimo quarto.

Abstract of I.

Malcolm of Palogoueny and Duncan, merchant, burgesses, grantees from the burgh of Aberdeen of the lands and rents given by Mr. Richard Cementarius, burgess (for the welfare of the souls of himself and his spouse Elen), to the Altar of S. John the Apostle in the Church of S. Nicholas; on condition of supplying a chaplain to serve thereat for five merks yearly, and of furnishing books, candles, etc., therefor, and of paying half-a-merk yearly to maintain lights before the Cross and in honour of the Blessed Virgin: bind themselves thereanent, Malcolm in 20*s*. and Duncan in 2½ merks, from the rents of two tenements to the S. of Kucstule, held of them by Laurence Swyn; and Malcolm in 20*s*. from tenements (formerly James Cramp's) held of him by Thomas Alison, burgess. Sealed at Aberdeen, on Wednesday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul (29th June), 1294.

II. (Vol. i. p. 262.)

Johannes Leuyngstoune vicarius ecclesie parrochialis de Inuerugy . . . Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . altari beati Petri in ecclesia parochiali beati Nicholai burgi de Aberdene cituato et capellano ibidem diuina celebranti . . . illud tenementum meum . . . iacens ex parte boreali vici castri eiusdem burgi inter terram Johannis Dauisone ex parte orientali ex vna et terram Patricij Badenauch ex parte occidentali partibus ex altera Tenendum . . . de . . . rege . . . in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . . . ffaciendo inde . . . seruicium burgale . . . et reddendo inde annuatim altari beate Katerine cituato in eadem ecclesia viginti solidos et Alexandro Kintor . . . tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios . . . Propterea quia dictum altare . . . ad summam quinque mercarum quatuor solidorum et quatuor denariorum est infeodatum videlicet de vno annuo redditu tresdecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum de terra magistri Johannis Cadzow iacente ex parte boreali vici superioris ecclesie inter terram Ade de Crafurde ex parte orientali ex vna et terram Johannis de Scrogis filij ex parte occidentali partibus ex altera de vno annuo redditu viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum de terra quam nunc inhabitat Johannes de Scrogis pater iacente ex parte australi vici castri inter terram Johannis de Mar ex parte orientali ex vna et terram quondam Johannis Roberti de Tulligreige ex parte occidentali partibus ex altera de vno annuo redditu viginti

solidorum de terra heredum quondam Thome Rollande iacente ex parte orientali vici furcarum inter terram heredum quondam Thome de Croudane ex parte boreali ex vna et terram Ricardi Kintor ex parte australi partibus ex altera de vno annuo redditu sex solidorum de terra Johannis Stevinsone iacente in ly Newraw vici furcarum inter terram Andree Baxter ex parte australi et terram Johannis Quhyit ex parte boreali et de vno annuo redditu quinque solidorum . . . de quodam tofto et crofto iacente [in] constabillaria de Durris infra vicecomitatum de Kincardin . . . que summa annuorum reddituum per se aut tenementum predictum per me eidem altari collatum per se ad sustentationem capellani ydonei minime sufficit idcirco inter prepositum balliuos et consules eiusdem burgi ex vna et me prefatum Johannem partibus ex altera . . . firmiter est consensum . . . quod tam tenementum et annui redditus predicti in vnam redigantur capellaniam vnde ipsa in vnam capellaniam perpetuam mutuo consensu vniuimus . . . iure vero patronatus eiusdem capellanie michi prefato Johanni pro toto tempore vite mee et post obitum meum preposito et consulibus dicti burgi qui pro tempore fuerint perpetuis futuris temporibus remanente volumus etiam . . . quod capellanus qui ad dictam capellaniam capellaniam fuerit presentatus habeat continue residere et in matutinis in missa et vesperis cum nota in choro supradicte ecclesie cotidie cum dispositus fuerit interesse ac ad dictum altare pro animabus fundatorum celebrare teneatur . . . et insuper volumus quod dicta capellania sit cum quocumque alio beneficio ecclesiastico . . . incompatabilis . . . Apud burgum predictum.

Copiata et examinata per me Andream Ettale notarium publicum.

Andreas Ettale.

Abstract of II.

John Levyngstoune, vicar of Inverugy, grants to the Altar of S. Peter in the Church of S. Nicholas his tenement on the N. of the Castlegate, between John Davisone's land on the E. and Patrick Badenauch's on the W.; to be held of the king in alms; rendering burgage service, and paying to the Altar of S. Katherine 20*s*., and to Alexander Kintor 13*s*. 4*d*.: such tenement to be united in one chaplaincy with the said altar's annual rents, amounting to 5 merks 4*s*. 4*d*., viz.: 13*s*. 4*d*. from Mr. John Cadyow's land on the N. of the Upperkirkgate, between Adam de Crafurde's on the E. and John de Scrogis' son's on the W.; 26*s*. 8*d*. from John de Scrogis' land on the S. of the Castlegate, between John de Mar's on the E. and John Robertson of Tulligreige's on the W.; 20*s*. from Thomas Rollande's heirs' land on the E. of the Gallowgate, between late Thomas de

Crondane's heirs' on the N. and Richard Kintor's on the S.; 6*s.* from John Stevinsone's land in the Newraw of the Gallowgate, between Andrew Baxter's on the S. and John Quhyt's on the N.; and 5*s.* from a croft and toft in the constabulary of Durris: patronage of chaplaincy to be retained by granter, and after his death to go to Provost and Council; chaplain to be constantly in residence, to be present daily at matins and vespers, to celebrate at the said altar for the souls of the founders, and to hold no other benefice. At Aberdeen. [Undated.]

Copy certified by Andrew Ettale, notary.

III. (Vol. i. p. 282.)

Ingeramus . . . episcopus Abirdonensis . . . Johanni de Pettynwyme vicario de Durris Morauiensis diocesis . . . quia capellaniam perpetuam altaris sancte Anne situatam infra ecclesiam parochialem beatj Nicholaj de Abirden . . . vacantem per promotionem . . . Johannis Smaly ad perpetuam vicariam de Kencoldroun Brechinensis diocesis ad presentationem . . . Jacobi domini de Forbess . . . spectantem . . . domino Thome Dauidis capellano . . . ad eandem capellaniam . . . presentato . . . contulimus . . . vobis . . . mandamus quatenus prefatum dominum Thomam . . . ad . . . possessionem eiusdem capellanie . . . instituatis . . . Apud Abirden ij die mensis Junij anno Domini M.CCCC.LVIII.

Abstract of III.

Ingeram, Bishop of Aberdeen, enjoins John of Pettynwyme, Vicar of Durris, to admit Sir Thomas Davidson, on the presentation of James, Lord Forbes, to the chaplaincy of the Altar of S. Anne, vacant by the promotion of John Smaly to the Vicarage of Kencoldroun. At Aberdeen, 2nd June, 1458.

IV. (Vol. i. p. 322.)

Johannes Andirsone filius et heres quondam Johannis Andirsone burgensis burgi de Aberden eternam in domino salutem Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . curato et capellanis collegij ecclesie parochialis beati Nicholai de Aberdene vnum annuum redditum xxij. solidorum . . . de tota et integra terra mea iacente infra dictum burgum in le Chakarraw inter terram altaris sancti Sebastiani ex orientali ex vna et terram quondam Gilberti Morison ex occidentali partibus ex altera et communem viam regiam versus boriam et terram Gilberti Vaus de Many versus austrum . . . Tenendum . . . in puram et perpetuam elemosynam . . . celebrantes inde annuatim qualibet

feria secunda cuiuslibet ebdomate perpetuis temporibus futuris predicti capellani ac sui successores ad altare beati Andree apostoli infra ecclesiam parochialem antedictam situatum vnam missam de requie cum psalmo de profundis ad primum lauacrum pro anima quondam Johannis comitis de Mar et Garioch et post decessum magistri Symonis Doddis rectoris de Innernothy pro animabus dictorum rectoris ac comitis parentum benefactorum suorum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum ac celebrantes missam de requie cum nota in proxima dominica post dicti rectoris obitum annuatim . . . Apud Aberden penultimo die mensis Marcij A.D. M.CCCC.XC. Coram hijs testibus Johannis Litstar · Matheo Nicholson dominis ac presbiteris · Roberto Buchan · Rycardo Hyle · Gilberto Mowrison · Thoma Narne · Willelmo Gibson burgensibus · Philippo Dunbrek seriando · et domino Johanne Streuelyng notario publico.

Abstract of IV.

John Anderson, son of late John Anderson, burgess, sells to curate and chaplains of Church of S. Nicholas an annual rent of *22s.* from his land in the Chakarraw, between the land of the Altar of S. Sebastian on the E., the late Gilbert Morison's on the W., Gilbert Vaus of Many's on the S., and the king's highway on the N.; to be held in alms; celebrating therefor every Monday at the Altar of S. Andrew a requiem mass, with a psalm *de profundis* for the soul of the late John, Earl of Mar and Garioch, and, after the death of Mr. Symon Doddis, Parson of Innernothy, for his soul as well, and a requiem mass *cum nota* yearly, on the Sunday after Mr. Symon's death. At Aberdeen, 30th March, 1490. Witnesses: Sirs John Litstar and Mathew Nicholson, priests; Robert Buchan, Richard Hyle, Gilbert Mowrison, Thomas Narne, William Gibsone, burgesses; Philip Dunbrek, sergeant; and Sir John Strevelyng, notary.

V. (Vol. i. p. 324.)[1]

Andreas Liell thesaurarius Aberdonensis salutem . . . Noueritis me . . . pro salute animarum excellentissimi et serenissimi principis Jacobi quondam secundi Dei gratia regis Scotorum illustrissimi et Marie consortis sue regine Scotie et prosperitate metuendissimi domini nostri regis moderni Jacobi quarti regis Scotorum . . . dedisse . . . capellanis in choro ecclesie cathedralis Aberdonensis . . . annuam pensionem quinque librarum . . . de firmis et redditibus burgalibus burgi de Aberdene siue de firmis

[1] See King James IV.'s Charter of Confirmation, dated 10th May, 1491. *Reg. Mag. Sig.*, lib. xii. No. 279 (Print, ii. p. 427, where "Liell" is misprinted "Bell").

et redditibus piscariarum et aquarum eiusdem quas quondam Patricius Berclay de Grantuly possidebat et michi hereditarie vendidit et alienauit et vnum annuum redditum xx. solidorum . . . de quadam crofta iacente in le gren end michi alias vendita per Alexandrum Mar burgensem de Aberdene ac etiam tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios . . . de firma medij rethis piscationis mee de le fuyrdis aque de Dee . . . Necnon capellanis chori ecclesie collegiate beati Nicholai de Aberdene . . . totam piscationem meam dicti dimedij rethis mei exceptis dictis tresdecim solidis et quatuor denarijs . . . ac etiam annuos redditus quadraginta sex solidorum et octo denariorum in dicto burgo de Aberdene et extra michi debitos . . . Tenendas . . . in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . . . Tenebuntur tamen dicti capellani huiusmodi cathedralis ecclesie et sui successores qui pro tempore fuerint cotidie celebrare singulis ebdomidis per se vel per alios ad altare beati virginis Marie per me fundatum et creatum in dicta ecclesia omnibus diebus dominicis et lune per annum missam de trinitate diebus Martis et Mercurij de sancto spiritu die Jouis de requie die Veneris salus populi et die saboti de gloriosa virgine Maria in hora vndecima ante meridiem et semper post leuationem corporis Christi in choro ad summum altare eiusdem Necnon pari modo capellani et sui successores dicte ecclesie collegiate burgi antedicti de Aberdene celebrabunt et celebrare facient missas prenominatas in magno altari coram sancto Nycholao eiusdem ecclesie patrono cotidie in yemali tempore hora sexta in aurora et in estate hora quinta cum alijs deprecationibus pro animabus supradictis cum etiam consuetis orationibus pro benefactoribus in vita et in morte pro illis in purgatorio remanentibus orationum suffragia et misericordiam Dei expectantibus . . . Apud Edinburghe ix. Maij A.D. M.CCCC.XCI. Coram hijs testibus Johanne Reid alias Stobo rectore de Kyrkcrift · Johanne Quhyt · Henrico Thomson · Johanne Mudy · et Johanne Hommyl · cum diuersis alijs.

Abstract of V.

Andrew Liell, treasurer of Aberdeen, for the souls of King James II. and his Queen Mary, and for the welfare of King James IV., grants to the chaplains of the Cathedral Church of Aberdeen £5 yearly from the burghal or fishing fermes of the burgh, sold to him by the late Patrick Berclay of Grantuly: *20s.* from a croft lying in the Green End, sold to him by Alexander Mar, burgess; 13*s.* 4*d.* from the ferme of the Fuirdis half-net fishing in the Dee. And to the chaplains of the choir of the Church of S. Nicholas the balance of the ferme of the said half-net, and annual rents amounting to 46*s.* 8*d.*; To be held in alms: Celebrating for the souls aforesaid, etc., the chaplains of the Cathedral at the Altar of the

Blessed Virgin, at 11 A.M., and the chaplains of the choir at the great altar before S. Nicholas, at 6 A.M. in winter and 5 A.M. in summer, masses as follows: On Sundays and Mondays, *de Trinitate;* on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, *de Sancto Spiritu;* on Thursdays, *de requie;* on Fridays, *salus populi;* on Saturdays, *de gloriosa virgine Maria.*[1] At Edinburgh, 9th May, 1491. Witnesses: John Reid, *alias* Stobo, Parson of Kyrkcrist; John Quhyt, Henry Thomson, John Mudy, John Hommyl.

VI. (Vol. i. p. 352.)

Collation of Alexander Gordon to the vicarage of the Church of S. Nicholas, vacant by the resignation of Patrick Gordon of Methlik, procurator for Andrew Balfour, last vicar. Edinburgh, 31st December, 1507.

VII. (Vol. ii. p. 280.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filijs ad quos presentes litere peruenerint Walterus dictus de Malewyle burgensis de Aberden salutem in domino sempiternam Nouerit vniuersitas vestra me de consensu et assensu Sybille sponse mee caritatis intuitu et pro salute anime mee et dicte Sybille sponse mee . . . ministro et fratribus ordinis domus sancte trinitatis et captiuorum de Aberden omnes et singulas terras cum earum redditibus quas emi de Martino Aurifabro de Aberden tam infra villam de Aberden quam extra . . . prout in carta dicti Martini Aurifabri mihi super dictis terris confecta et predictis ministro et fratribus per me deliberata plenius continetur Dedi etiam et concessi fratribus memoratis et eorum successoribus annualem redditum duorum solidorum argenti percipiendorum de illa terra iacente in vico de Fotyn quam Mariota sponsa quondam Willelmi Pistoris tunc tenuit Ita tamen quod minister et fratres predicti . . . inuenient vnum capellanum ydoneum et honestum secularem perpetuo celebrantem in ecclesia sancti Nicholai de Aberden ad magnum altare et soluent singulis annis luminaribus sancte Marie et sancte crucis in dicta ecclesia dimidiam marcam sterlingorum . . . de redditibus dictarum terrarum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum vna cum sigillo dicte Sybille sponse mee et cum sigillo officialitatis Aberdonensis et sigillo thesaurarij ecclesie cathedralis Aberdonensis et sigillo domini Johannis de Anand perpetui vicarij de Obyn quondam capellani domini regis presentibus est appensum Testibus Matheo Gretheuith[2] · Reginaldo de Malewyl fratre predicti Walteri · Malcolmo de Polgoueny[3] et multis alijs.

[1] See Appendix IV.

[2] Probably a mistake for Matthew Greathead or Grossetechte, Alderman of Aberdeen in 1281. See *Reg. Ep. Aberd.*, ii. 279, and Cruickshank's *Armorial Ensigns of Aberdeen*, pp. 54, 55.

[3] Alderman of Aberdeen in 1285.

Abstract of VII.

Walter de Malewyle, burgess, with consent of Sybil, his spouse, for the welfare of their souls, grants to the minister and brethren of the Order of the Holy Trinity and Captives of Aberdeen, the lands, with their rents, which he bought from Martin Goldsmith, and an annual rent of *2s.* silver from land in the village of Fotyn, held by Mariota, spouse of late William Baker : the said minister and brethren to maintain a chaplain to serve at the High Altar in the Church of S. Nicholas, and to pay yearly half a merk sterling towards lights for the Altars of the Blessed Virgin and the Holy Cross. Signed by the granter, his spouse, the Official and Treasurer, and John de Anand, Vicar of Obyn. Witnesses: Mathew Gretheuith, Reginald de Malewyl, Malcolm de Polgoueny, etc. [Undated.]

VIII. (Vol. ii. p. 297.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Patricius Leslie senior burgensis burgi de Abirdene salutem . . . Noueritis me . . . pro salute anime mee ac charissime coniugis mee Elizabeth Crawfurd . . . dedisse . . . altari dominorum Trium Regum infra ecclesiam beati Nicholai de Aberdene situato ac magistro Gauino Leslie capellano dicti altaris et post eum capellano ydoneo perpetuo celebraturo omnes et singulas terras tenementa et annuos redditus subscriptos videlicet totam et integram terram meam anteriorem et interiorem cum suis pertinencijs iacentem infra burgum de Abirdene in vico furcarum ex occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terras Roberti Craig et Willelmi King ex boreali et terram quondam Joannis Singular ex australi ex vna et communes vias regias versus oriens et occidens partibus ab altera et totam et integram meam terram anteriorem et interiorem cum suis pertinencijs iacentem infra dictum burgum in vico furcarum ex occidentali parte eiusdem vici inter terram Jonete Sanchar ex boreali et terram quondam Megate Quhyite ex australi ab vna et communes vias regias versus oriens et occidens partibus ab altera totas et integras terras meas tenementa et annuos redditus subscriptos iacentes in burgo de Innerurie videlicet vnum tenementum et tres rudas terrarum cum pertinentijs iacentes ex occidentali parte eiusdem burgi inter terram Valteri Badzenocht senioris ex boriali ex vna et terram Andree Andirsone ex australi et aliud tenementum meum et tres rudas ac dimidietatem rude cum pertinentijs iacentes ex orientali parte dicti burgi inter terram Willelmi Leslie ex boriali ex vna et terram Joannis Forsyith ex australi partibus ab altera vnum annuum redditum decem solidorum de sex rudis terre Willelmi Blackhall iacentibus in dicto burgo ex occidentali parte eiusdem ville inter

terram dicti Willelmi Blackhall ex australi et terram Roberti Andersone ex boriali et lie Dawaukland versus occidens et viam regiam versus oriens et vnum alium annuum redditum quinque solidorum de tribus rudis terre Roberti Andersone senioris iacentibus in dicta villa ex orientali parte eiusdem inter terram Joannis Huchesoune ex parte boreali et terram Agnetis Badzenocht ex parte australi et aquam de Owrye versus oriens et communem viam regiam versus occidens · et vnum annuum redditum sex solidorum octo denariorum de tribus rudis terre. . . .

Abstract of VIII.

Patrick Leslie, elder, burgess, for the souls of himself and his spouse, Elizabeth Crawford, grants to the Altar of the Three Kings within the Church of S. Nicholas, and to Mr. Gavin Leslie, chaplain thereof, and his successors, a land on the W. of the Gallowgate, between Robert Craig's and William King's on the N., the late John Sinclair's on the S., and the King's highways on the E. and W. ; a land on the W. of the Gallowgate, between Jonet Sanchar's on the N., the late Megat Quhyite's on the S., and the King's highways on the E. and W. ; a tenement and three roods of land to the W. of the burgh of Inverury, between Walter Badzenocht, elder's, land on the N., and Andrew Anderson's on the S.; another tenement and 3½ roods to the E. of the said burgh, between Walter Leslie's land on the N., and John Forsyith's on the S. ; an annual rent of 10*s.* from William Blackhall's, six roods to the W. of the said burgh, between William Blackhall's land on the S., Robert Andersone's on the N., the Dawaukland on the W., and the King's highway on the E. ; another annual rent of 5*s.* from Robert Anderson, elder's, three roods to the E. of the said burgh, between John Hutchesoune's land on the N., Agnes Badzenocht's on the S., the river Owrye on the E., and the King's highway on the W. ; another annual rent of 6*s.* [Incomplete.][1]

IX. (Vol. ii. p. 302.)

Vniuersis pateat per presentes nos curatum et capellanos collegij ecclesie parochialis beati Nycholai de Aberden teneri et fideliter obligari . . . venerabili viro magistro Symoni Dodes rectori de Innernothy ac canonico

[1] Among the papers prepared by the old Spalding Club for the projected edition of the Chartulary is a transcript of a Presentation to the Chaplaincy at the Altar of the Three Kings by John Leslie of Balquhane, undoubted patron thereof, in favour of Mr. Andrew Leslie, Canon of Aberdeen and Prebendary of Ellon, to take effect when the present Chaplain, Mr. John Nicolsone, shall die or demit office. The Presentation is dated 27th July, 1559. The source whence the transcript is taken is not indicated.

Aberdonensi perpetuis temporibus futuris ad celebrandum qualibet secunda seria ad altare sancti Andree apostoli infra dictam ecclesiam situatum vnam missam de requie cum collecta pro anima quondam bone memorie Johannis comitis de Mar quamdiu dictus canonicus vixerit et post eius decessum pro animabus ipsorum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum cum psalmo de profundis ad primum lauacrum cuiuslibet misse ac ad celebrandum et cantandum post obitum suum annuatim in dominica proxima sequente vnam missam de nota pro animabus antedictis pro quodam annuo redditu nobis per prefatum rectorem concesso imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium hanc cedulam manibus nostris subscripsimus apud Aberden xxiij. die mensis Marcij anno Domini M.CCCC. octuagesimo nono.
Dominus Dauid Waus curatus de Aberden manu propria · dominus Johannes Stradachyn manu propria · dominus Alexander Gray manu propria · dominus Matheus Nicholay manu propria · dominus Thomas Herwy manu propria · Robertus Leis manu propria · Et ego magister Alexander Fyff manu propria · Et ego Johannes Streuelyng manu propria · Et ego Duncanus Nathy manu propria · Et ego Alexander Club manu propria · Ego Thomas Stanne manu propria · Ego Willelmus Crukschank manu propria · Ego Alexander Byssot manu propria . Ego Andreas Thome manu propria · Ego Andreas Gray manu propria · Ego Johannes Prat manu propria · Ego Willelmus Moryson manu propria · Ego Johannes Lytstar manu propria · Ego Andreas Chawmer manu propria . Ego Ingeramus manu propria.

Abstract of IX.

The curate and chaplains of the Church of S. Nicholas bind themselves to celebrate every Monday, at the Altar of S. Andrew, a requiem mass with collect for the soul of the late John, Earl of Mar, and, after the death of Mr. Symon Dodes, for his also, with a psalm *de profundis*, and a mass *de nota*, on the Sunday after the latter's death yearly. Subscribed at Aberdeen, 23rd March, 14^{89}_{90}, by Sir David Waus, curate ; Sir John Stradachyn, Sir Alexander Gray, Sir Mathew Nicholson, Sir Thomas Hervy, Robert Leis, Mr. Alexander Fyff, John Strevelyng, Duncan Nathy, Alexander Club, Thomas Stanne, William Crukschank, Alexander Byssot, Andrew Thomson, Andrew Gray, John Prat, William Moryson, John Lytstar, Andrew Chawmer ; Ingeram.[1]

[1] *Cf.* the list *supra*, p. 229.

APPENDIX II.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTER OF TOWN COUNCIL, 1407-1614.

"Die lune proximo post dominicam qua cantatur *quasi modo geniti*, 1407.

"Quo die Adam filius Thome tutor et custos altaris beati Johannis baptiste situati in ecclesia beati Nicolaij de Abirdene protestabatur pro quodam annuo redditu xiii*s*. dicto altari debito et a longis temporibus non soluto de quadam terra jacente in vico qui dicitur ly Nethirkirkgate ex australi parte eiusdem inter terram nunc Willelmi Blakburn ex parte orientali et terram quondam Christofori Haket ex parte occidentali ad quam terram veniens nichil reperiebat distringibile pro dicto annuo redditu preter terram et lapides quos presentauit in curia coram balliuis tanquam primo die huius processus."—Vol. I. 278.

Abstract.

Second Monday after Easter, 1407.

Action by Adam Thomson, tutor and guardian of Altar of S. John Baptist, for annual rent of 13*s*. from land to S. of Netherkirkgate, between William Blackburn's on E., and late Christopher Haket's on W.; said land having nothing poindable save earth and stones exhibited.

"Die lune proximo post Sanctam Epiphaniam, 1410.

"Eodem die accedentes ad barram Alexander Scherar capellanus altaris beate marie situati in ecclesia parochiali beati Nicholaij de Aberdene et Johannes filius Alani tutor altaris sancte crucis situati in dicta ecclesia protestauerunt pro vno annuo redditu quinque solidorum debito dicto altari beate Marie et pro annuo redditu quinque solidorum debito dicto altari sancte crucis annuatim de quadam terra jacente infra dictum burgum in vico castri in fossa castri inter terram heredum Johanis corbrand ex parte australi et terram quam quondam Isabella couper ex parte boreali Ad quam terram venientes nichil reperiebant distringibile dictis annuis redditibus preter terram et lapides quos presentauerunt in curia coram Balliuis tanquam secundo die huius processus Testibus Andre Scot et willelmo Spaldyng."—II. 69.

Abstract.

Monday after 6th January, 141$^{0}_{1}$.

Action by Alexander Scherar, chaplain of Altar of S. Mary, and John Alanson, tutor of Altar of Holy Cross, for annual rents of 5*s.*, and 5*s.* due to these Altars from land in Castlegate, between John Corbrand's heirs' land on S., and common land of on N. Witnesses: Andrew Scot, William Spaldyng.

11th January, 143$^{3}_{4}$.

"Item eodem die dominus Wellelmus Rouss procurator et capellanus altaris beati laurencii in ecclesia parochiali burgi de Aberdene accedens ad barram petiit tres processus trium curiarum capitalium per communem clericum perlegi quibus alta et intelligibile voce perlectis petiit a balliuis iuris et iusticie complementum et iudicium dari fecerit quod herede debet proprietatem et possessionem vnius terre vaste Jacentis in vico botharis dicti burgi inter terram Roberti williameson ex parte australi et communem venellam qua itur a vico furcarum dicti burgi versus inferiorem vicum ecclesie ex parte boreali in defectu solutionis duarum mercarum annui redditus predicto altari debiti et a longo tempore non soluti Deinde curia consulta et matura aduisata datum fuit pro iudicio per os Willelmi quhitehede indicatoris curie hora diei legitime exspectata quod dictus dominus Willelmus tamquam procurator legitimus predicti altaris recuperauit possessionem et proprietatem predicte terram cum pertinenciis in defectu solutionis annui redditus antedicti."—IV. 2.

Abstract.

Action by Sir William Rouss, procurator and chaplain of Altar of S. Laurence, for recovery of a waste land in the Buthraw, between Robert Williamson's land on S. and common wynd from Gallowgate to Netherkirkgate on N., in default of payment of an annual rent of two merks. William Quhitehede, crier of court.

11th January, 143$^{3}_{4}$.

Action by Sir William de Leith, chaplain and procurator of Altar of S. James, Apostle, for annual rent of 40*s.* from land on S. of Castlegate, between Gilbert Meignez' on E. and late Robert Jhoneson's on W. Witnesses: William Scherar, Duncan Patrikson, and William Atkynson, bedel of the burgh.—IV. 1.[1]

[1] *Cf.* V^{1}. 45, 161.

9th January, 143^{5}_{6}.

Action by Sir William de Leith, chaplain and procurator of Altar of Holy Cross, for annual rent of 32*d.* from land in Netherkirkgate, between Nicky Tempilman's on E. and Thomas Walkar's on W. Witnesses: William Fichet, Robert Gillespy, and Malcolm Dakir, bedel.—IV. 56.[1]

Accounts rendered 1437.

"*Item*, xxvj*s.* viij*d.* pro sufflatione organorum."—IV. 118.

6th October, 1438.

Action by Sir William Davidson, chaplain and procurator of Altar of S. Michael, Archangel, for annual rent of 20*s.* from land on S. of Castlegate, between William Atkynson's on W. and late Henry Hervy's on E.—IV. 138.[2]

6th October, 1438.

Action by Sir John de Crag, chaplain and procurator of Altar of S. John Baptist, for annual rent of 16*s.* from land in Netherkirkgate, between Thomas de Both's on E. and John de Loudon's on W. Witnesses: John Gray, James de Balrony, and Andrew Davidson, bedel.—IV. 138.[3]

12th January, 143^{8}_{9}.

Gilbert de Sanchar de Murcroft compears and offers to repair the tenement formerly the late Gilbert de Kyngudy's, and to bind his lands of Murcroft to pay yearly to Altar of S. James two merks during his own life and his next heir's, and thereafter 40*s.* for ever; or alternatively to hand over said tenement to provost and baillies on payment of his outlays thereon; within next fifteen days.—IV. 153.[4]

11th January, 14^{39}_{40}.

Action by Sir John Smalee, chaplain and procurator of Altar of Holy Cross, for annual rent of 2*s.* from waste land in the village of Futy, between John Nicholson's on W., late Philip Anderson's widow's on E., and king's highway on S. Witnesses: John de Grahame, Thomas Gibson, and Malcolm Dacre, sergeant.—IV. 189.

6th October, 1441.

"Alsua John of Marr and And. Ayncroft arr ordanit keparis and gaderaris of the profite that may cum of the Schippes that cummys to the toune, that is to say the fraght of sok and tun to the kirkwerk."—V^2. 647.

[1] *Cf.* IV. 63, 131, 152. [2] *Cf.* IV. 152; V^1. 222. [3] *Cf.* IV. 152, 178. [4] *Cf.* V^1. 199.

6th January, 144^{2}_{3}.

Action by Stephen de Balrony, and Sir Andrew Serass, chaplain and procurator of Altar of Blessed Virgin, for annual rent of *2s.* from land in the Green between Duncan Young's on S., and late Robert Gillespy, elder's heirs', on N. Witnesses: William Fichet, Thomas Androson, and Robert Baroune, serjeant.—IV. 291.

29th April, 1443.

Actions by said Stephen and Sir Andrew, for above annual rent and others of v*s.* from land on E. of church of S. Nicholas between William Scherar's land on N., and Thomas Wod's on S.; and of 5*s.* from land in Shiprow between Thomas Blyndsele's on S., and Robert Sprint's on N. Witnesses: John Cassy, David Symoon, and Patrick Pyot, sergeant.—IV. 310.[1]

5th October, 1444.

Action by Sir Robert Roulle, chaplain and procurator of Altar of SS. Laurence and Ninian, founded by late William Meldrum, laird of Auchneve, for annual rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* from land in the Green, between William Coutis' on N. and wynd along Carmelites' walls on S. Witnesses: Duncan Kynedy, Walter Muryson, and John Spens, sergeant.—IV. 359.[2]

5th April, 1445.

Action by Sir Andrew Seras, chaplain and procurator of Altar of Blessed Virgin for annual rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* from land in "ly cukstul pule". Witnesses: Thomas de Murefe, William Lammyntoun, and John Tulidef, sergeant.—IV. 396.[3]

25th July, 1445.

"It is to be rememberit that on the fewy and twenty day of Julii, the zer of our lord j^{m} iv^{c} xlv zeris, Andree of cwlane, burgess of Aberdene, geff certain anuallis til the kyrk of Aberdene tyll ane altar to be mad in the north yill of our lady of pyte. In the first ane annuall of xx*s.* lyand in the hede raw the quilk William of retra has in fee. Alswa in that ilke raw ane annuall of xij*s.* of that land that Andrew henrisons ayris aw. Alswa in the galwgat on the est sid of the land of Patrick lang x*s.* Alswa in that ilke gat and on that ilke sid of the land that adam more dwelt in x*s.* Alswa in that ilke gat and on the west side of that land that thom lyp has in fee vij*s.* and vj*d.* the quilk forsaith anwallis the said Andrew of Cwlane upgeff in the handis of John Kynidy than ane of the ballies

[1] *Cf.* IV. 396. [2] *Cf.* V^1. 161. [3] *Cf.* V^1. 211.

of the said burch of Aberdene in presence of John the Wauss than Alderman thom blindzell John of Scrogis and duncan of clat in that tym alswa ballies and all ther forsaid anwallis ar grund annwallis of the fornemyt landis."—IV. 411.

10th January, 144$\frac{5}{6}$.

Action by Mr. John Smalee, chaplain and procurator of Altar of Holy Cross, for annual rent of 2*s.* from land on N. of Castlegate, between John Imlach's on E., and Robert Mason's on W. Witnesses: Thomas Gibson, William Lammyngtoun, and John Spens, sergeant.—IV. 424.

6th October, 1447.

"*Item*, the samyn dai the said counsaile has consentit and concludit that alsweil the feit chaplaynis and the feft chaplaynis sal be Rewlit and governyt and trespassouris correct be the sight of the alderman and counsale forsaid or ell the agaynstandaris of this statute sal noght be maynetnyt be the maisteres."—V^2. 721.

10th October, 1449.

"The quhilk day it wes ordanit be hal consale with the consent of the merchandis of the burgh that ilke merchande man that sendis gud to bruges sal gif in the honor of god and Sanctt Nicolace, our patron, that is to say, iiij. gret of ilke sek of woll and iiij. gret of the clath of skynnis and 1 gret of ilke barrell and a gret of ilke dacre of hidis, and this to be disponit vpon the reparatione of the parise kirk of Sanct Nicolace. And of ilk barrell that passis out of this burgh to the firth or yet ony othir place 1*d.* of the barrell to be disponit as is forsaid. And this wes gravntit with ane assent, And to be put vnder the Comone Sele and for iiij. yher til endur quhil thai be better avisit."—V^2. 743.

20th October, 1449.

"The quhilk day the aldermane and balzeis, with the consent of the Consale and diuersis of the gilde, riply avisit has gravntit the next pariss clerkschipe that vakis in this burgh to William forstar, and na nother quhile he be promovit thar to."—V^1. 64.

2nd November, 1450.

"The secunde dai of Nouember the yher forsaid Duncane of Clat, dene of gilde, presente in the Courte the Eucariste of siluer quhilk theman goldsmyth had in making To the making of the quhilk Eucariste the forsaid Duncane deliuerit iiij^{xx}iij. vnce of siluer, and he paiit in parte of the makyng iiij*lb.* And he hes ressauit agayne in Werk liiij. vnce, the quhilk he present in the courte.

And swa remanys in themanis handis xxix. vnce, for the quhilk maister John of Cadiou is becummyn and becummys dettour be this Writ writtin with his propre hand."—V². 758.

22nd May, 1453.

"It is grantyt be the Alderman and the mast part of the commone consaile til Sir henry Hervy for his seruice in the kirke til his fee twenty markis of the vsuale monee of Scotlande, and gif the alderman and the consaile may get ony seruice till him in the meyne tyme that sal be allowit to the said Sir Henry in the forsaide twenty merkis, and the saide Sir Henry is oblist to remain for the saide fee with us yerely, bot gif it happin him to be bunfuste in ony vthir place we oblist to pay him that fee yerly quhil he be bunfuste as said is."—V². 778.

5th October, 1453.

"*Item*, it was avisit, statute, and ordanit be the said counsaile for the Upholding and Eikyng of goddis seruice to be done in the paroche kirk of this burgh that al and sundri chaplanyis the quhilkis has feft altaris or that ar feit be worthi men of the toune sal cum daili and do divyne seruice, that is to say, matynys, hiemess, and evensang And give ony of thaim absentis him fra three of the said howris continuali thai salbe excludit and expellit that thai sal noght syng mess within the said kirk for a yher, bot give thai haue sufficient excusation quhilkis be sene Resonable to the Alderman and to the correctour of the queir And the feft chaplanys that beis absent as said is sal tyne attour thair chaplaniis, and the alderman sal dispone tharapon be avise of the commoune counsale."—V². 775.

29th April, 1454.

Action by Sir David Ruthirfurd, chaplain of Altar of S. Andrew, for annual rent of 13*s*. 4*d*. from land on N. of Netherkirkgate, between late Sir William Dauidson, chaplain's, on E. and John Marnoch's on W. Witnesses: John Castell, John Litstar lub, and John Spens, serjeant.—V¹. 199.[1]

14th January, $145\frac{4}{5}$.

Action by Andrew Culane for the Altar of the Holy Blood for annual rent of 30*d*. from land on S. of Netherkirkgate between John Crukschank's on W., and John Smith's on E. Witnesses: Robert Gillespy, Andrew Cumyn, and John Spenser, sergeant.—V¹. 222.

5th April, 1456.

Action by Sir Andrew Serass, procurator of Altar of Blessed Virgin, for (1)

[1] *Cf*. V¹. 211.

an annual rent of 30*d*. out of a land on W. of Gallowgate between late John Kynor's on N., and John Gillispi's on S.; (2) an annual rent of 6*s*. 8*d*. out of a land on W. of Upperkirkgate between William Moir's on E., and Eduard Tulach's on W. Witnesses: Andrew May, John Castale, and Alexander Anderson, sergeant.—V[1]. 265.

14th November, 1457.

Mr. John de Clat, canon of Aberdeen, compears and assigns to the provost, baillies, and councillors, the reversion, after his own death, of the patronage of the chaplaincy founded by him at Altar of S. Michael, Archangel—such reversion having previously belonged to his cousin, Duncan de Clat, recently deceased; the office to be filled up within 20 days after a vacancy occurs. The said Mr. John gives symbolical delivery to John de Fife, provost, and constitutes Mr. Martin Vaus, canon, his procurator, to accompany said provost to said Altar, and there to give him possession in due form.—V[1]. 312.

9th October, 1458.

"*Item*, the samyn dai the alderman and a grete part of the gild avisitly considering the gude obseruance and seruice that the vicar and chaplanys vphaldis and dois in the kirk and in hope of gude continuation has grantit to the said vicar and chaplanys that continowis divyne seruice that thai sall haue thair lairis quhen thai discess free in quhat place of the kirk it plesis thaim to ly of thair deuoation."

"*Item*, it grantit give ony chaplancie or seruice perpetuale or temporale beyng at the presentation or disposition of the communitee of this burgh happynis to vake sic chaplancie or seruice sal be erast disponit and providit to the chaplanys that kan best and makis maste continuale seruice in the [said kirk] be avise and counsaile of the vicar and chaplanys forsaid."—V[2]. 808.

1st September, 1459.

Action by Sir Andrew Seras, chaplain of Altar of Blessed Virgin, for annual rent of 2*s*. from land "ly masyndow," in the Green, near the Cemetery, between John Howison's on S. Witnesses: James Crak, David Standynstains, and John Tulidef, sergeant.—V[1]. 375.

5th October, 1461.

Action by Alexander de Camera and Sir Thomas Andree, chaplain of Altar of S. Katherine's, for annual rent of 6*s*. 8*d*. from land in Shiprow, between late Alexander Culpar's on S., and late Robert gillespy, elder's heirs', on N. Witnesses; William Patree, John. . . .—V[1]. 431.

10th January, $146\frac{2}{3}$.

Action by Richard Stephan, patron of Altar of S. Stephen, for annual rent of 6*s*. 8*d*. from.—VI. 465.

13th September, 1466.

"The alderman, with the consent and assent of the maste part of the counsale, has giffin and grauntyt to Sir thomas anderson, chaplane of sanctt ninyains altar, of the feftment of William of meldrum all and hale the lande with the pertinents of umquhil Sir Johne of kindelochis, vicar of kinerny, lyande at the scoule hill of the burgh of Aberden on the north syde of that ilke, betuix the scoule lande on the west syde and the lande of vmquhile Duncane of buchan on the est syde, for all the dayis of his lyve, be deande yerely ane obbyt of Sir Johne of kindelochis saule mess, and quhat that the saide Sir thomas findis that the saide lande is better yerely to pray for the saule of the said Sir Johne of kindeloch efter the content of his awin consciens: And the saide sir thomas sal vphalde suffyciandely the saide lande for his tyme, and this we haue giffin and grantyt to the said Sir thomas for his tym as we that ar patronys of the saide lande with the pertinentis and may dispone that apon quhen euer it vaikis."—V². 834.

13th September, 1466.

"*Item*, the alderman, the bailzeis, and the haile consaill avysitly has giffin and granityt to Willame scherar and to mayster duncane scherar, his son, the patronage of saynt duthowys altar steddyt in the paroche kirk of saynt nicholace of this burgh, and failzeande of the forsaidis Willame and mayster duncane til Androw scherar and alexander scherar, his brothir, and to thair airis male, for the quhilkis thai ar oblist with the grace of god to feft the saide altar of ten markis of the vsuale payment of scotlande perpetualy in all possibill haste, And failzeande of the forsaide Willame, mayster duncane, Andrew, and alexander, and thair airis maile, the saide patronage to retour agayn to the gift of the alderman, bailzeis, and consale and communitie of the saide burgh, but ony questione or deman vnde."—V². 834.

5th October, 1472.

Action by Sir Dauid Vaus, chaplain and procurator of Altar of S. Mary Magdalene, for annual rent of 11*s*. 8*d*. from late John Blindsel's land in the Green, between Thomas Kege's on S. and N., the common highway on E., and the mill lead of the lower mill on W. Witnesses: William Andree, Thomas Vaus, and Philip Dunbrek, sergeant.—VI. 199.

5th October, 1472.

Action by Sir Edward Robertson, chaplain and procurator of Altar of S. Peter, for annual rent of 10*s*. from land in the Green between John Litstar's on the E. and the common highway on the S. Witnesses: Thomas Waus, Gilbert Morison, and Philip Dunbrek, sergeant.—VI. 199.

8th January, 147^{2}_{3}.

The same day the Alderman and Consel has presentit and gravntit tir Schir Henry Hervy, chaplane of Sanct Michalis' Altar, for his gude service, and continuatione tharof to be done be him in tyme tocum in Sanct Nicholes' Kirk in diuine service that he sal hafe for all the daiis of his life yerlie of the common purs and of the common gude of the said burgh sex pundis threttene schillingis and foure pennys of vsuale payment of Scotland, togiddre with all proffitis and dewiteis pertening til the forsaid Altar of Sanct Michael.

Item, Alexr. of Chavmer, than alderman, and the consel has ordanit and assignit at the request and instans of Sir Henry Hervy that his said pensionne of this toun salbe pait til him yerly of the Justice Myln. Acta xxviij. die Septembris, 1475.—VI^{2}. 217.

8th January, 147^{2}_{3}.

Androu Scherar, Alderman of the burgh of Aberden in that tyme, with consent and assent of the hail common conseil being then present in the tolbuith, has gravntit and presentit to Schir Androu, the son of quhilum Thomas Androson, burges of Aberdene, chaplain of the Rude altar in the parisch kirk of the said burgh, that for his continuatione of diuine seruice to be done and made be him in tyme tocum in Sanct Nicholes' Kirk efter as the tyme askis at his gude diligence and power that the said Sir Androu sal haue yerlie for his fie ten merkis of the vsuale money of Scotland of the common gudis of the said burgh, togiddre with all annualis proffitis and dewiteis pertening to the fornemit Rude altar quhilk soumme and pencion of x. merkis yerlie, togiddre with the Rude altar, the forsaid Sir Andro sal hafe and joiss for all the tyme of his life he makand besy and gude service tharfor as forsaid is.—VI. 217.

3rd November, 1474.

It is appontit and fullely accordit betuixt Dauid Menzes, elder, on the ta part, and Sir Andro Wryt, maister of the kirk wark of Aberdene, on that vyther part, In maner and fourme as efter follouis, that is to say that the said Dauid has sawlde to the said Sir Andro, in the name of Sanct Nicholace, thre futhir of

lede ilke futhir contenand sex score of stanys to be deliuerit God willand gif wynde and wethir wil serve betuix this and pasch next to cum apon the key of Aberdene but ony exceptione cauillacione fraude or gile. For the quhilkis the said maister of Wark sal pay to the said Dauid or his deputis or factoris deliueraris of the said lede fourty-sex pundis and ten schillingis of vsuale money of Scotland for the hail thre futhiris at the said day of the deliuerence of the lede. And gif it sal happyn the said Dauid to failze in his defaute of the deliuerence of the said lede at day and place forsaid, as God forbede, than the said Dauid sal pay daly to the said maister of wark xij*d.* eftir the principale day of the deliuerence of the said lede be passit. And in siclike wise gif the said maister of Wark failzeis in payment of the said soume for the said lede be the said day of deliuerence or within viij. daies therefter at the ferrest than the said maister of wark sal pay to the said Dauid or his deputis deliueraris of the said lede xij*d.* daily til his expenses and not to be allowit in the principale soumme of the quhilk lede the said Dauid gravntit him content and pait of aucht pundis in part of payment of the said principale soumme. And these conditiones lely to be kepit athir of the parties til vyther has gefin gude faith before these witnesses: Alexr. of Chavmer, alderman; Alexr. Menzes, Richard of Kyntor, Dauid Colison, Dauid Symson, Gilbert of Chavmer, Richard Badenach, Edmund Lowson, and vthiris mony and diuers.—VI. 317.

11th February, $147\frac{4}{5}$.

The forsaid day the alderman and the consel has set the sundais fisch, the Watter met of salt and quhete, and the ton fracht as it fallis til Gilbert Morison for a yere next tocum. For the quhilk assedatione and tak of the saidis dewiteis pertenand to Sanct Nicholace Wark the forsaid gilbert has fundin Johne Wormet souertie to pay to the maister of the kirk wark of sanct Nicolace for the said yeris tak aucht merkis and fourty pennyis of vsuale money of Scotland. Notwithstanding the assedatione made til the said gilbert therupon of before fra the quhilk he grantit him to desist and gaf our the same to the alderman and consel for the augmentatione of the mare soumme to the kirk Wark to be pait be lammas next folowand.—VI. 341.

2nd May, 1475.

It was ordanit, endit and concludit be the alderman and certane persones of Counsel of the quhilkis the names efterw followis that the offerand and all vthiris offerantis tocum that fallis apon the Rude dayis salbe diuidit proportionaly and evinlie betuix the chaplane of the Rude altar and the chaplane of the Browne croice altar quhat evir thai be for the tyme and that nother of the chaplanis of the

Rude altar or of the browne croice altar sal haue singlaure proffite til ony of thaim bot that all gudis that ar offerit in the tyme salbe diuidit evinlie and ry^{t}wisly amang thaim thir ar the names of the consel that war present in the tym: Alexr. of Chavmer, alderman; Matho Fichet, Johne of Mar, Andro Scherar, Richard of Kyntor, Patrik Badenach, Johne of Knollis, Johne the Vaus, Gilbert of Chavmer, Dauid Symson, thre of the balzeis in the tyme, Adam of Crafurd, William Voket, Dauid Colison, Thom of Fiffe, Robert Blindsel, and of spirituale men, maister Andro Symson, vicar of Aberdene; maister Johne Smalee, vicar of Kyngowdrum; maister John Livingstoune, vicar of Inuerugy; Sir Alexr. Voket, maister William Voket, his brother; Sir Dauid Vaus, curate of Aberdene the tyme; Sir Thomas Dauidson, Sir Robert Leis, public notar, with vthiris sundrie. Apon the quhilk deliuerence and decrete Sir Andro, the son of quhilum Thomas Anderson, chaplain of the Rude altar, tuke in the tyme of the deliuerence fra Sir Robert Leis, public notar, ane Instrument in the vestry of the parish kirk of Aberdene before the personis forsaid or the maist part of thame and that this decrete and deliuerence sould not be reuokit nor gaincallit for the tyme of the saidis chaplainoz of Sir Alexr. Club, chaplain of the Browne croice altar, and of Sir Andro, chaplain of the Rude altar, nor efter thare tyme bot perpetualy til indure.—VI. 361.

14th April, 1477.

The same dai the Alderman proponit to the hale consale and communitie belanging the biging of the qveyr Schawand the thanks and kyndnes that my lord of Aberdene has profferit For the quhilkis the alderman, consale, and communitie forsaidis has grantit to the biging of the qveyr all feis of alderman, bailzeis, dene of gilde, Abbot, and prior of this burgh with the commone gude and all vtheris proffitis that may be gottin for sevyn yeris tocum and mare gif it nedis be the sight of the personis vnder writin, that is to say, Andro Scherar, alderman; Alexr. of Chavmer, Alexr. Meignes, Johne of Mar, Johne of Knollis, Dauid Colison, Thomas of Fife, Alexr. Rede, and Alexr. Howison, quhilkis personis sal haue ful commissione vnder the commoune seil of the said burgh.—VI. 480.

25th July, 1477.

The alderman and consale has consentit and grantit that the hammyrmen of this burgh sal haue the patronage of Sanct Loyis' altar[1] in the parisch kirk of Aberdene and the dispositione thereof in al thingis as accordis til the patronage thereof in tym tocum, apon the quhilk thai sal haue the common seil of this burgh for the mare securite and ratification heirof.—VI. 191.

[1] S. Eloy's.

15th September, 1477.

Item, the same day It is ordanit and decretit be the alderman and consale for the Wphalding of Diuine seruice daily to be made in the qweyr and kirk of Aberdene that William Yung, ane of the clerkis, sal haue the quarter of the galowgate til his fee for this instant yere, and Richard Boyl the quarter of the castelgate and quhilk of the said quarteris is better than vther to be made elike to tham be the syght of the alderman and consale. And Adam Strath til haue the schipraw with the grene, and Andro Ettale, the ferd clerc, sal hafe the gaistraw, with the scule hil.—VI. 496.

7th October, 1477.

Alexr. Chawmer, alderman, with consent and deliuerence of the hail consale na man gane standand has gevin and grantit to the biging of the qweyr ay and quhil it be fullely bigit and complete that thare sal be takyn of the wattir of done fourty and aucht pundis yerly and of the wattir of Crois yerly twelf pundis. Alsua yerly of the procuratione of Sanct Nicolace kirk twenty pundis quhil the forsaid qveyr be fullely bigit and complete as said is. And this is grantit and deliuerit with consent of the hail communitie.—VI. 499.

26th January, 147$\frac{7}{8}$.

The same dai . . . the quhilkis alderman and consale avisitly for the Reparatione and biging of the qveyr, and for vther causis sene profitable for the toune, has grantit and consentit to set the watteris and fischingis of this burgh and to prolong the termys thereof togiddir with the landis perteining til the said burgh and to chese certane personis maist conuenient for the setting of the said fischingis and landis. Upon the quhilk the alderman gerd warne the hail communitie to compere in the tolbuthe on the morne And schew and declarit to thame quhat he and the consale before expronit thocht expedient and proffitable for the reparatione and biging of the queyr as is before said The quhilk communitie weil gaderit with hail consent na man discrepand nor gane standand concludit ratefiit and affermyt to set the watteris and landis and to prolong thare termys togidder with all vther reuenowis pertening to the communitie of the burgh of Abirdene for sik termys as suld be sene to thame expedient that salbe chosin and sworn thareto to do for the commone proffite of the toune.—VI. 516.

30th September, 1478.

The same dai the consale vnderwritin and vther part of the gilde of this burgh . . . has consentit and ordanit that Alexander of chavmyr alderman be

continevit vpper and principale maister of Wark of the biging of Sanct Nicholace qveyr for twa yeris tocum And that Sir Andro Wricht or ony vther that ressavis the siluer procurit and pertening to the said wark sal make compt thereof to the said Alexander of chavmer, And he to be responsale and dettour tharefore to the toune.—VI. 548.

10th January, 14^{79}_{80}.

The Samyn day Schir Waltir Yung, chaplain, is oblist be the faith of his body til the alderman and consale that alslang as he gettis ten merkis of gude payment yerly and fyve dais met in the oulk he sal remain and mak sic serwice in the kirk as he can or may do at his gudely power and alslang as it likis the toune til hald him. And gif he failzeis in ony service making he salbe correkit be the sicht of the alderman baillies and counsale of this burgh.—VI. 608.

6th November, 1481.

The alderman consel ande communitie of the brugh of Abirdene the communitie gadrit throw warning of the belman Ryply ande weill avisit uith ane assent nane sayand the contra, has deliuerit and ordinyt because that Robert elect confirmat of Abirdon has Schavine hym vnkindly in the ristriction of the secund teind of Abirdene quhilk is gevine be his predecessor beschop Thomas Spens quhome god assolze to the biging of the quer of Abirdene the forsaid Alderman consel ande communitie has decretit deliuerit and ordinyit that nane nychtbur duelland within the said brugh sal mak na seruias to the said Robert Elect na yet to nane of his factoris on his behalf. Inde quhat ever he be at dois in contrar of this act sal tyne his fredome and his tak sall waik and incontinent be disponit At the wil and sycht of the alderman consel and communitie of the said brugh but ony faworis.—VI. 702.

5th May, 1483.

It is ordanit decretit and deliuerit be the alderman and counsale for the sustentation and augmentation of diuine seruice to be made in the paris kirk that Richard boyl salhaf and bruke the sang scule of Abirdene as principale maister of the samyn, with help and supple of his old maister Sir Andro Thomson and to labour and do thare besy diligence to cure tomak and furnyss barnys and children vnder thaim to stuf the qveyr and mak service therein continualy and daly. Indurand the termes of nyneyeris and forther indurand the townis wil efter thare gude service. And that the said Richart leve not na sal not leve the said seruice withoute leve of the alderman and consale, the quhilk thai ar oblist to vnderly and kepe be the fathez of thare bodies.—VI. 790[a].

16th May, 1483.

It is appoyntit and accordit betuix Robert Blindsel alderman of abirdene and Dauid Menzes elder maister of the kirk wark of the samyn burgh on the ta part and John Alanson maister of a bote of dysart on the tother part, that is to say the said Johne Alanson has sauld to the kirk wark of the said brugh his said bote ful of lyme alsmeikle as scho may gudely fuyr for xvj*s*. the chalder to be brought heir to the key cf Abirdene alssune gudely as wynd and wedder uil serve him thereto for the quhilk lyme the said Johne Alanson countis him til haf resauit fra the said master of the kirk wark xxij*s*. j*d*. in part of payment. And John the Vaus elder and Wilzam Moyses ar oblist to relieve the said master of wark of xij*d*. of ilke chalder as for ten chalder. And the said Johne Alanson salbe payt for the said lyme alssune as he makis deliuerence of the samen but fraude or gile. To the quhilkis baith parties ar oblist be the faithes of their bodies. Witnez heirof thomas fife Johne of culan Dauid menzes younger alexander rede David symson gilbert Waus Andro Wenton and vtheris diuers.—VI. 791.

19th September, 1483.

In the tolbuthe before the baillies of Abirdene in jugement Dauid Menzes elder maister of the kirkwark of the said burgh declarit that he had ressauit fra Anne gray the spous of Allan Smyth half a chalder of lyme to the kirkwark for hir sepulture at Saint eloyis altar in the paroche kirk of Sanct nicolace quhat tym it sal happin hir to decess, to be allowit til hir be quhatsumeuer maister of the kirkwark being for the tym in name of the toune in hail payment and contention for the caus forsaid, of the quhilk the said maister of the kirkwark grantit him fullely content and payt And dischargit the said Anny and al vtheris on hir behalf thareof now and for evyr.—VI. 802.

18th April, 1485.

The consale and communitie has consentit and ordanit for the bigging of thare organys that al nolt scheip and swine within the toune be stentit and taxit at the avise of the alderman and certaine personis to be chosin thereupoun.—VI. 916.

24th November, 1486.

The alderman and consale present for the tyme has grantit to Williame Zonge the denotione and profite that happinis be gottin of the prayer bell for the ringyne of the samyn at sex houris in the evening and xij. houris at noone for the quhilkis the saide Williame is oblist to mak continale residence and seruice at evin-sang matutynis mess and other diuyne seruice in the quer of Aberdene.

Ande James of Leslie is becumyne sourtie for the saide Williamis gude seruice.—VI. 978.

29th November, 1486.

The saide day the alderman counsal and communitie has grauntit to doubill the haile clerkschip of the towne to be giffin to Robert Huchouson for his seruice in the queir and plaing one the organis as effiris him to do in ale divyne seruice for ane yer to be complet sine his entre quhil he be pait of xx. libis and quhar it falzeis of the duplicatione of the clerkschip to be pait of the haile towne And to be pait uithin ane zer.—VI. 981.

31st May, 1488.

The said day the aldirman and consal with avise of the Curat and Collectour and part of the Communitie and vtheris chaplainis for vphaldin ande augmentatione of divyne seruice in the queyr of Abirdene hes gevin and grauntit to Richert Boile thar ald seruitor the haile clerkschipis of the gallougat ande gastraw of the said burghe witht al fredomes comoditeis asiamentis profitis and deviteis aucht and wont pertening or may pertene tharto with the pertinence for al the dais of his lywe the saide Richert doing continuale guide seruice in the said queir at al his possibilite and pouer as efferis to the quhilk he is oblist be the faith of his bodie.—VII. 60.

The samyn day the aldirman and consaile with avise of the Curat and Collectour and part of the Communitie and vtheris chaplainis for vphaldin and augmentatione of divyne seruice in the queyr of Abirdene has gevin and gravntit to Androw Coupar the haile clerkschip of the castalgate of the said burghe with all fredomes &c., and to remain and not remoyf fra that but that licence And for his remaining Williame Coupar his fadir is becumyne sourtie be his hande And eftirwart the tone to amend and ek him of his fee quhen he cumis tile age eftir his gude seruice.—VII. 60.

The samyne day the aldirman and consale with avise of the Curat ande Collectour ande part of the Communitie and vtheris chaplainis for the upholdin and augmentatione of dyvine seruice in the queir of Abirdene has gevin and grantit to Sandy Vocat the prayour bell witht ale fredomes comoditeis asimentis profitis and deviteis aucht and wont the said Alexr. ryngand the said bel daly at the houris of tuelf at novne and sax at evyne as vse is for al cristyne saulis ande doing seruice in the queir at his gudly possibilite.—VII. 61.

17th August, 1490.

The samyn day the aldirman baillies and diueris of the consal and comunitie of Aberdeen representand the body of the toune grantit the patronage of Sanct Ninianis altar to William Meldrum of Fywe and to his ayris maile lauchfullie gottin of his bodie and to be gottyne the saide William gevin in augmentatione and eking of the said chaplainry to Sir Robert Leis perpetual chaplain of the samyn and his successouris fiwe merkis of annuell rent tharof xl*s*. of the landis of Watterton beside Ellone and tua merkis of Ardefork ande grantit thar common sele tharapone the said William deliuering his charter of new infeftment of the said fiwe merkis to gidder with the annuellis of the ald infeftment to the said chaplain And efter the said Sir Robertis decess the said William sal present ane sufficient cheplain that be ane sangaster and chorist conuenient for the vpholdin of diuine seruice in the queir of Abirdene quhilk sal mak continuale residence ande seruice in the samyn And attor gyf the saidis William and his ayris male beis sleuthtfull ony tymes quhen the said chaplainry vakis and presentis not ane sufficient chorist within xl. dais thareftir than it salbe lesum to the alderman balzeis consale ande communitie of Abirdene frely to dispone tharapone at that tyme and to present ane conuient mane for the samyn to the vpholdin of goddis seruice as saide is.—VII. 190.

11th February, 149$\frac{2}{3}$.

The saide day the aldirman sett and to ferme leytt to Jonhne of chamer the sondais fische and the mettis pertening to Sanct nicholes for this zer siclik as he hed it obefor the said Johne is oblist be his hand landis and gudis to content and pay to the aldirman or master of Sanct nicholes werk thre barrels of salmond tharof tua b. at mydsommer next hereftir and j. b. at the lammes thareftir.—VII. 405.

15th November, 1493.

The saide day Jonhne Rossale, masone, was condutit and hirit be the aldirman and consale for ane zer to remane and abid in thar seruice batht in the luge and vteuche and pass to Cowe[1] quhen he is chargit one his avne expensis thar to hew and wirk at ale his pouer to the stuff and bigyne of the queir and kirk werk for the quhilkis seruice lelely and treulie to be done the said Jonhne deponit the gret aithe Ande thai sal pay to the saide Jonhne xx. merkis vsual money of Scotlande of fee for his saide zeris seruice alanerly but ale accidentis of the brede and vtheris.—VII. 476.

[1] Perhaps *Covesea* in Moray, whose freestone quarries supplied material for many churches.

7th October, 1496.

Be Jt kende tile ale mene be thir present letters Us Alderman bailzes counsale and communite of Abirdene to be bundin and stratlie oblist and be the tenour of these letters to lelie and treulie bindis and oblises Us to our continuale familiar seruitor Robert Huchosone sangstar for samekle as he is becumin our conducit and feit familiar sangstar be the faith of his bodie ale the days of his lywe to remane wt us personalie to singe keep and vphalde mess matutinis evinsangis completoriis psalmis Respondis Antophinis ympins[1] and ale other hours and Divine seruice to be sangin wtin our paroche kirk of Abirdene at the letronez ande vther baith festuale and feuale dais For the saide obseruance to be kapit and done We binde and oblise Us and oure successouris zerlie to the saide Robert in the soume of twenty-four markis vsuale money of Scotlande for ale the dais of his lywe To the pament of the quhilkis we haue assignit Ande be thir present letters assigns to the saide Robert auchtene markis of the malis of our vnder myle four markis of the fermes of our landis of bogferlow Ande tua markis of our kirk bred To be Rasit and vptakin at his avne hande at tua vsuale [terms] in the yer that Is to say Mertimes and Witsonday be evinlie portionis for ale the dais of his liwe Ande atour your vniversite sale vit vs to haue grantit our sange scoule to the saide Robert for the quhilkis he sale wt ale diligence possibilite and besunes teche Informe mak leir and Instruk ale barnis under his cure Ande specalie the barnis burges sonis native borne of this burgh to sing and play one the organis to the stuffing fortifeing and vphalding of goddis seruice in the saide queir thai payand him his scolage and dewites according tharto Ande sale vtirlie wark one the vphalding of goddis seruice and Insturking of barnis Ande he sale play one the organis In tymes of ale divine [service] quhen it is sene expedient be the alderman bailzeis consale or the chaplanis of the college of the kirk one festuale and verk dais And gif the saide Robert failzeis in the obseruing of goddis seruice or in any poynt befor writin It salbe considerit be the alderman bailzeis and consale and be punyst tharfor in his fee for his demeritis as thei think maist expedient Ande gif the saide Robert happinis to failzie in the keping and observing of ony poynt befor exponit and beis conuikit tharfor coniuntile be the alderman bailzeis and consale It salbe lesum to tham to dispone apone the said fee tile ony vtheris quha thai think maist expedient for the tyme but ony Impediment exceptione or demavnde age and Infirmitie allanerlie except Ande we the saidis Alderman bailzeis consale and communite and our successouris sale warande kep and defende the saide assignatione of twenty-four markis zerlie and termlie to be Rasit be the saide Robert of the malys and kirkbred befor expronit for ale the dais of his lywe for his dailie seruice to be done In maner and forme befor writtin ale fraude and gile awaput

[1] Hymns.

In witnessing of the quhilkis we haue appensit our commone seile to thir letters At Abirdene the sevint day of October the yer of god Miiij$^{c.}$ nynty six yeris.—VII. 771.

30th November, 1496.

I Robert Huchosone sangster oblisis me be the fatht of my body to my singular masteris the alderman balzeis consall and communite of Aberdene to discharge me of the tua markis zerlie assignit to me of thar kirk bred quhat tyme that thai mak me siker of tua markis zerlie for all the dais of my lyve in ony uther strenzeable place but fraud or gil In witness of the quhilkis I have subscriuit this writ with my hand at Abirdene the last day of Nouember the zer of god Miiij$^{c.}$ nynty and sex zeris.

Robertus Huchoson, manu propria.—VII. 772.

22nd November, 1498.

The saide day Matho Wricht oblist him be his hand vphaldin to mak gude seruice in the luge and vteuche to the bigin and furnysing of the queir at the comaund and sicht of the alderman consal and the master of the kirkwerk and he sal no^{t} pass to na vyther wark w^{t}out speciale licence of the alderman and the consal for the quhilkis seruice to be done thai sal no^{t} (*sic*) content and pay to the said Matho twenty tua merkis vsual money of Scotland the entre of the said Matho was tharew^{t} at Mertymes last bigane.

The saide day Nichol Masone and Dauid Wricht oblist them be the faithis of ther bodiis the gret aithe sworne to remane at Sanct Nicholes wark in the luge and vteuche ther to mak dely gude seruice and to be leile and trew in al pontis and no^{t} to pass fra the saide werk w^{t}out leif of the alderman consal and master of the werk for the quhilkis gude seruice to be done thai sal content and pay to the saide Nichol twenty ane merkis and to the said Dauid auchtene merkis.—VII. 918.

3rd February, 150^{0}_{1}.

The saide day It was deliuerit be ane sworne assise Williame Blinsele forspeaker that William Glessinwricht[1] sal end the northt windew of the triangile that he has begunny And the Est window of the southt tofall complete And atour thai fynd the said Williame Glassinwricht avand thre *li.* v*s.* vj*d.* to Sanct Nicholas Werk de clero.—VII. 1016.

15th March, 150^{0}_{1}.

The xv. day of Merche the yer forsaide Sir Johne Rutherfurd alderman Schew and declarit how he was to pass for the hambringing of Sanct Nicholes

[1] The surname apparently describes the trade which the man exercised: he was a glazier. The triangile is the apse: the south tofall is the south aisle.

led to beruik and the countray was dangerfull throw this plage of pestlence for the uscheuing of perell that his wyf and his bairns be no[t] skaitit in tyme to cum that ther was in handis thre scoir pundis of the watter malys of the yer immediatlie bigane Ande Johne of Mar grantit the samyn and that he had xxxv*li*. of the saide yeris maile in his handis for the quhilkis he suld ansuer to the tone befor thir witnes Gilbert Menzeis and Thomas Leslie.—VII. 1073.

5th November, 1501.

The said day the Counsale and communitie warnit be the handbell throue the haill towne and gatherit Representand the body of the towne for the tyme circualy Inquerit be Williame Scrimgeour officiar consentit grantit and ordanit ale thar grassums of thar wateris fischcings and landis of this assedatioun to be maid to be gevin to the bigin of Sanct Nicholes work na man sayand the contrar.—VIII. 23.

13th March, $150\frac{1}{2}$.

The saide day the alderman and balzeis ordanit Williame Scrimgeour officiar to pass w[t] Sir Jonhe Litstar chaplain of Sanctis crispini and crispinani altar w[t] the deknys of the cordonaris and caus him to be pait and content of his fee of ale termes bigane efter the tenor of his Writis ande Documentis maide to him tharupon aucht to him be the haill craftismen of the cordonar craft w[t]in the burgh and to charge thame tile obey thar deknys tharintill according to Justice.—VIII. 82.

15th April, 1502.

The saide day It was statutit ordanit and deliuerit he ane suorne assise that ale nichtbouris Induellaris of this burghe and ale alienaris that brings In ony gret Salt w[t]in this havin sale deliuer to Sanct Nicoles Work ane smale mett of Ilka hundretht conforming to the alde lovabill Rite constitud and vyse of the said burghe.—VIII. 98.

9th September, 1502.

The said day the alderman balzeis counsale and communite of Aberden present for the tyme opinlie warnit be the handbell throw the haill tone representand the bodie of the samyn for the tyme circualie Inquerit be the officiars and balzeis gravntit and assignit to mester Walter Leslie persone of Menmvir full power Irreuocable and licence perpetuale to big and fovnd ane altar of Sanctis Mongow and Tovine in the triangill of thar est end of their queir for his fundatioun to be maid at the Samyn In honour of the blissit trinite his blissit virgin

Moder Mary Sanct Nicholace and speciale of the said Sanct And gravntit and ordanit to gif him ane autentyte evident vnder thar common sele tharapon.—VIII. 153.

21st July, 1503.

The saide day the alderman ballieis consal and communite present for the tyme representande the bodie of the tovne grantit licence to Johne Mar ane of thar clerks of the queir to pass to the scule tile his Instructioun And resauit and admittit Cristy Narne his deput and substitut to the serving of his saide clerkschipe vnto the againcuming of the saide Johne.—VIII. 240.

15th September, 1503.

The saide day comperit Jok of Mar ane of the clerkis of Abirdene with Alexr. Mar and Johne of Mar his fader and brother and schew how the tovne hed licencit him to pass to the sculis and that the childe Cristy Narne quhilk he diuisit to have put in his seruice was passit fra the sang scule to the gramer scule and has maide nay seruice in the queir as yit he being within the tone for him quharfor he presumis that he sal mak litill gude seruice for him in his absence sene he failzeit in his presence tharfore he enterit Thome Chamer to the aldirman and ballieis and substitut him under him in his said office of clerkschip to mak gude seruice and ministratioun in the samyn to his agane cumyn to the pleasour of god and the toune ande the said Thome sal gif termlie and zerlie to the said Alexr. or Johne the half of all profitis that he gettis of the said office be his aune aithe for the quhilkis Schire Andrew Chamer is becumin sourete batht for his gude seruice and pament and gif the saide Thome happinnis to falze in the saide seruice or pament of the half of the profitis of the said clerkschip as said is thane it sal be lesum to the saide Alexr. or Johne to input ane uther childe in the saide clerkschip at thar plesour it being known that he falzeis in his seruice and the alderman ande balzeis diuerss of the consall and communite resauit and admittit the said Thomas to the seruice of the saide clerkschip and attour Alexr. Mar and Johne of Mar oblist thame fathtfullie be thar hands upholdin coniunctlie and seuerallie to pay Schire Andrew Chamer tene schillingis Scottis money gif the said Thomas happinis to be put fra the seruing of the said clerkschip or he get samekle profit of the saide office.—VIII. 256-7.

27th October, 1503.

The saide day It was statut and ordanit be the alderman ballieis and consale that the sagristaur sale have for ilka graiwe makin and bellis ringin within the kirk . . . and vteuche the kirk in the kirkyerd viij*d*. Ande he sale ger ring

curfeyr continualie at hour and tyme aucht and wont attor he sale nocht ring laurence at the saule messis nor menyngis bot for the nobill and honorable personis of the tovne without leif of the alderman and the counsale.—VIII. 283.

23rd December, 1504.

The said day the baillies consaile and communite warnit be the premunicioun of the handbell throu the haill tooun gatherit representand the body of the tovun and circualie inquerit be Willeame Scrimgeour ane of the officiaris of the said burgh ale in ane voice concordande gef grantit and assignit to thar traist clerk and nytbour sone Maister Dauid Menzheis ale and haile thair chapellanry of Sanct Dutheis alter with ale proffitis richtis and pertintence pertenyng or may pertene tharto situat within the pariss kirk of the said burgh for ale the dais of his lyve vacand be the decess of vmquhile Sir Willeame Crukschank last possessour of the samyn and constitut maid and ordanit Johnne Lesly of Warderis alderman &c. thar commissaris coniunctly and severaly tile institut and inuest the said master Dauid in the said chapellanry and ordanit Euidentis vnder thar commone seill according tharto to be maid in dew forme to the said master Dauid on the souerast wise be thair commone clerk.—VIII. 405.

31st January, $150\frac{4}{5}$.

The saide day the aldirman ballieis and diuerss of the counsale and communite representande the body of the towne riplie avisit grauntit fre licence and leyf ande be this present actis licencis and lewis thar familiar clerk Master Andrew Craufurde chapellane perpetuale of Sanct Peteris alter for ale the terms of fywe zeris immediatlie next heireftir to pass quhareuer he emplessis prayand for the saulis of the fondouris of the samyne sayfar as thai may for the bigyne ande reformatioun done and to be done upon ane tenement and lande pertening to the said alter quhilk is ruinouss and standis in poynt of tynsele without it be reformit biggit and mendit.—VIII. 419.

14th June, 1505.

The saide day the alderman balzeis and counsale present for the tyme for the upholdin and sustening of dyvine seruice in the queir and kirk of Aberden in the honor of God the gloriouse Virgine Mary Sanct Nicholes thair patron and ale sanctis conducit hyrit and feit Wat Strathin sangaster to syng and help to hold dyvin seruice within the said kirk for his mett with viij. personis circualie oukly and drink and xx*s.* of silver zerlie ilkan zer to be tene of ane burges to be chosin and gottin be the said Wat or ony of his friendis to by him ane gown quhilkis thai thankfullie promittit to the said Wat.—VIII. 463.

17th November, 1505.

The saide day the alderman balzeis counsaile and diuerss of the communite gravntit ande gaf thar ferding and keping of ther jouelis and ornamentis of thar kirk to Sir Dauy Waus cheplene for ale the dais of his lyve with all deuyteis and profitis pertening thairto for the keping of the samyn aucht and wount.—VIII. 519.

17th November, 1505.

The saide day the alderman ballieis counsale and communite of the saide burghe warnit be the hand bell throwe the hale toune and be the officiars of the saymn gathtreit and circualie inquerit of thar avne free motiwe and will grauntit and gaf to master Hector Boeice[1] thar presentacioun of Sanct Ninianis altar within the paryss kirk of the said burghe for ale the dais of his lywe being at thar gift at this tyme And ordanit to gif thar commone seile to seile the said presentacioun.—VIII. 520.

16th January, 150$\frac{5}{6}$.

The said day the aldirman ballieis counsale and communite grantit and gaf tile ane worschipfule mane master Dauy Menzeis thar perpetuale chaplainry of Sanct Peteris altar within thar paroche kirk of the said burghe for all the dais of his liwe vacand and being in thar disposicioun and gift be decess of vmquhile master Andro Crafurd last possessor of the saymn and ordanit to seile his donacioun and gift with thar common sele.

The said day Master Dauy Menzeis purely ande simpilie resignit the perpetuale chaplanry of Sanct Duthois altar in the handis of Gilbert Menzeis alderman of the saide burghe be ane gluff in fauor of Sir Dauy Waus his cosing And Incontinent therefter the aldirman ballieis counsal and communite gaf the said cheplanry to the saide Sir Dauy for ale the dais of his liwe And ordanit to sele his donacioun and gift tharapone with thar common sele.—VIII. 538.

20th September, 1505.

The said day the Alderman Baillies Counsaill and communite warnit be the handbell gatherit and be the officiaris of the said burgh inquirit grantit and geff to Sir Thomas Bynne chaplane and sangster thar perpetuale chapellanry of Sanct Michaellis Alter for all the dais of his lyve wacand be the deceiss of vmquhile maister Androu Craufurd For the quhilk chapellanry the said Sir Thomas oblist hyme to mak continuale residence within the pariss kirk of Abirdene and keip obserue and sustene personaly ale devyne seruice in synging within the said kirk and queyr at matyins evinsang completoring singin mess and

[1] This is the Historian of Scotland and first Principal of Aberdeen. It is remarkable that no mention is made of him in the Chartulary.

all vther divine seruice And instruk teicht and furnyss barnis and studentis in musyk to the supportatioun of Goddis seruice at his power for ale the dais of his lyve And forther to do devyne seruice at the said alter efter the tenor of the fundatioun of the samyn For the fulfilling of the quhilkis the said Sir Thomas oblist him be the faitht of his body the gret aitht sworne but fraud or gile And atour the saidis Alderman baillies counsall and communite grantit to the said Sir Thomas Ilkane tua zeris ane burges wortht tua markis for his gud seruice to be continewit in the said kirk.—VIII. 541.

20th September, 1505.

The said day the aldirman ballieis counsale and communite gatherit be premunicioun of the handbell and the officiaris of the said borghe for the vphaldin of dyvne seruice to the plesour of gode the glorious Virgine Mary Sanct Nicholes thar patrone conducit hyrit and feit Sir Andrew Couper chaplane and sangstar to mak personale residence and continuale seruice within the paryss kirk and queyr of the samyne at mess matutynis evinsang completorn and ale vther dyvine seruice at organis and vtherwais at ale his pouer for ale the days of his lyve as he has done tymes bigane and better gif he cane For the quhilkis the saidis aldirman balzeis counsale and communite has grantit and assignit to the said Sir Andro ane annual pension of tene poundis sex schillingis and viij*d.* for ale the dais of his lyve for his gude seruice to be done as said is therof aucht merkis of the malys of thar vnder myln and fyve pundis of thar Rud malys zerlie Ilkane yer Notwitht standing quhat tyme it sale happin the aldirman balzeis Counsale and communite to promoive the saide Sir Andro tile ony perpetuale chaplanry or seruice within the said kirk or burghe Thane it salbe lesum to thame to appropir and tak to thar avine vyses alsmeikle of the said annual pensione as the valoue of the said chaplanry sale happin tile extend to Ande the saide Sir Androw oblist him be the faitht of his body the gret aithe sworne to obserue and keip ale pontis befor writin at his gudlie pouer Induring his lywe tyme but fraude or gile And tile help to teche Instruick ande Informe Sangstaris and barnis to the helping and fortying of goddis seruice Vpone the quhilkis thai ordanit to gar mak ane letter vnder thar common seile to the saide Sir Andrew.—VIII. 541.

20th September, 1505.

The saide day comperit Sir Jonhne Rutherfurd knicht before the alderman balzeis Counsale and communite being within the tolbutht of the samyn Ande thar for certane resonabile causes constraining him frelie purlie and simpilie one his avine fre vile and motiwe not choactit compellit constrenzeit nor resignit the patronage of Sanct Michaelis altar fundit within the paryss kirk of the

saide burghe in the hands of gilbert Menzeis alderman in the tovnis name Ande ale richt and clayme of richt propertie and possessioun quhilkis he hed or mycht onywise have in and to the saide patronage with the pertinence for him his ayris executoris and assignes be quiet clamit and dischergit now and for euer Ande gaf the samyne patronage frelie for him his ayris and assignes to the said haile toune aldirman balzeis counsale and communite be ane gluff perpetualie with thame and thar successoris to remane.—VIII. 542.

14th August, 1506.

The said day the prouest and counsale present for the tyme grauntit licence and leif to Master Thomas Chamer chaplane of our lady alter to pass in pilgrimage to Sanct Johne of Anorass.—VIII. 600.

24th September, 1507.

The said day Thomas Borrow Inglishman grauntit him resauit be the handis of Androw Cullane prouest of the said burghe four lastis and d. last slamonde (*sic*) in the name of Bryame Roche for tene fuder of led resauit to Sanct Nicholes work quhilkis iiij. lastis and d. war schippit custome free and the said Thomas in the name of the said Bryame his master helde me wele content and pait and dischargit and quiet clamit the said prouest balzeis consaile and communite tharof now and foreuer befor Hary Stot skipper.—VIII. 743.

26th December, 1507.

The same day it was appontit betuix the prouist bailzeis and consale one that ane part and Johne Fendour wricht one that vther part in maner forme and effect efter following that is to say the said Johne sale God willing big oupmak and finaly end and complet the xxxiiij. Stallis in thar queir with the spiris and the chanslar dur and ale vthir thingis according tharto one his avin expensis alse substanciusly and honorable as he may as thai ar begunnyne and bettir gif he can betuix this and the fest of Sanct Petyr callit Lammes[1] immediat heirefter following or at the fest of Sanct Michaell nixt and immediat tharefter following at the ferrast quhilk being completit and finally endit at the said day as said is the prouest bailzeis and consale sale content and pay to the said Johnne tua hundretht pundis vsuale money of Scotland with ane bontay according to thair honor and gif he completis nocht the said wark be the said day thane they sall content and pay to him the some contenit in the first contrak and this condicioun making nay dirogacioun to the first contrak To the keping of the quhilkis the said Johnne oblist him be the faitht of his bodie to Gilbert Menzeis prouest in the tovnis nam and ale somes of money that he ressauis sal be allouit in the said some.—VIII. 777.

[1] The feast of S. Peter *ad Vincula* (Aug. 1).

4th July, 1508.

Uniuersis pateat per presentes nos prepositum balliuos consules et communitatem burgi de Abirdene . . . pro diuini seruitii sustentatione in honorem Dei omnipotentis beatissime virginis marie beati nicholaij et omnium sanctorum dedisse . . . nostro dilecto familiari capellano domino Andree Couper musico unam annuam pensionem septem librarum et octo solidorum usualis monete Scotie . . . pro suo fideli seruicio et personali residentia infra ecclesiam parrochialem dicti burgi impendendo faciendo et continuando ad celebrationem matutinarum vesperarum completorum missarum ac aliarum horarum quorumcunque tam in choro ecclesie quam ad organa prout in eiisdem certis temporibus elapsis perseuerauit . . . faciendo et cantando inde dictus dominus Andreas diuina suffragia et seruitia in dictis choro et ecclesia solita et consueta prout alii conducti cantores in huiusmodi ecclesia in diuinis astringuntur . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum commune est appensum apud Abirdene quarto die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo octauo.—VIII. 847.

Sir Andrew Colisone received a similar pension of Five pounds, by letters, date, 23rd June.

25th September, 1508.

The saide day the prouest balzeis counsale and communite of the said burghe opinly warnit be the handbele and officeris throwe the haile toune gatherit and inquerit seueralie euerie mane for him self grantit and gaf to Master Gavane Leslie thar perpetuale chaplanry of Sanct Jonhne the Baptistis altar situated within thar paroche kirk vacant be decess of vmquhile maister Williame Strachauchin last possessor of the samyn Ande Gilbert Menzeis prouest gaf the saide chaplanry to master Thomas Chamer procurator for the said master Gavane be the gift of his ringe And ordanit tentiwe writ to be maid tharapone and thar commone seile to be appensit to the samyn.—VIII. 872.

6th October, 1508.

The said day the prouest balzheis counsaile and communite present for the tyme for wphaldin of diuine seruice decoring of haly kirk and plesour of Gode the blissed virgine Mare Sanct Nicholace thare patrone and ale Sanctis ale in ane voce concordand grantit and consentit that ale thare perpetuale chaplanreis and Sanct Thomas hospital being at thare gift donatioune and presentatioun salbe gevin perpetualie tile sangstaris that can syng plane sang ande prik sang at the lest ande speciale to barnis burges sonnys and native menne borne of the toune before ale uthiris ande ordanit one autentyve writ to be maide tharapone and selit with thare commone sele perpetualie till endur.—VIII. 878.

17th December, 1509.

The said day for the vphaldin of divin seruice to the honor of god and haly kirk, etc., The prouest bailzeis and counsaile grantit and consentit to pay Sir Thomas Bynne four poundis aving of the termes bigane to him And has assignit to him xl*s*. zerlie to be resauit of the malis of thar vnder mylne thareof xx*s*. at Witsonday and xx*s*. at Mertimes And assignit to Sir Wilzeame Wricht chaplane xl*s*. zerlie to be ressauit of the malis of the said myle at the said termes of witsunday and mertimes for his gud and continuale seruice to be maid in the said kirk and grant to pay him xl*s*. for his fee of the zer bigane *Item*, thai ordane thar Denys of gild to prouide ane gowne price xiiij*s*. to Willy Broone *Item*, a govne to Johnne Buchane a govne xiiij*s*. and *Item*, to Thomas Forbes ane govne price xiiij*s*. *Item*, to Gilbert Bynne a govune price xiiij*s*. And tua markis to Johnne Goldsmyth for thar gud and continuale seruice to be maid in singing in the said kirk at ale houris tymes and places according tharto.—VIII. 1046.

7th June, 1510.

The said day the provest bailzeis and counsaile for honour and vphald of Goddis seruice conducit and feit Sir Johnne Troumbull sangster to serue in thair queyr and kirk in all devin seruice messis matutinis evynsangis and all vder seruice belanging to ane sangstar for ane yeir to cum And forthir gif it plesit that said Sir Johne to remain or thai to plese his seruice for the quhilkis thai sall cause him be pait zerlie of tene pundis sa lang as he remanis in thar seruice quhill thai be puyschance to mend him his fee quhilk Sir Johnne sale enter at the fest of Lammes nixt herefter to his seruice and licence betuix this and thane to red him self of vder places quhar his geir was And this ten pundis to be vptaken be the said Sir Johnne zerlie fra the personis and placis that thai assigne to him.—VIII. 1092.

17th January, 15^{10}_{11}.

The said day the prouest bailzeis counsell and communite warnit be the handbell gatharit and Inquerit grantit and consentit that the rufe of the pariss kirk of the said burgh suld stand as it is and to se and consider the faultis in the tymmer and mak thame to be reformyt.—VIII. 1150.

3rd February, 15^{10}_{11}.

The said day the prouest bailzeis counsaile and communite present for the tyme ordanit George Bisset master of the kirk werk cause the plumbar to pass and ende his werk and theik the body of thar kirk with leide.—VIII. 1154.

19th April, 1512.

The said day the Prouest bailzeis counsale and communite gatherit and circualie Inquirit be Johnne Colisone ane of the bailzeis of the said burght all in voice concordand grantit gef and assignit ande be this thar deliuerance grantis geffis and assignis to thar traist familiar and common clerk Sir Johnne Stirueling chaplane all and haile thar chaplanry of Sanct Johnne the ewanglestis alter situat within thar pariss kirk quhen euer it wakis be resignatioun dimissioun or vther wayis of ane worschipfule mane Sir Robert Martyne vicar of Gernok And ordanit thar prouest Gilbert Menzeis to instruct him in the samyne And sele his letter of donation vnder thar common seile on the sourast wass it cane be maid for all the dais of his live.—IX. 96.

10th January, 15^{12}_{13}.

Action by Mr. David Menzies chaplain of the altar of S. Michael the Archangel for an annual rent of 8*s*. from land on S. side of Upperkirkgate between the mill lade and land of William Nory on the E. and the king's highway on W.—IX. 172.

Action by Mr. Thomas Chamer curate of Aberdeen and chaplain of the altar of the Virgin Mary for an annual rent of 8*s*. from the same land.—IX. 172.

24th April, 1514.

Thir Statutis eftir following was maid and diuisit be the prouest bailzeis counsaile and communitie for the reformacioun of certane necassar thingis to be had in thar moder kirk to the honor and fre loving of God Almyghty the blissed Virgin and thar glorious patrone Sanct Nicholace. . . .

In the first in the loving of God Almighti the blissed Virgin Marie our glorious patroun Sanct Nicholace and all sanctis for the decoring and reparacioun to be had in our modir kirk in necessar and neidfull thingis thoucht expedient and specialie in sang bukis for our queir chantour cappis frontallis towalis of the hie altar for clathis chandelaris of bras lectronis of bras westmentis and ornamentis pertening til the hie altar chalis mess buk and all vder necessar thingis to the decoring of the said alter kirk and queir it is diuisit statut and ordanit that thar be taken of all schippis that passis furtht or is fraucht out of this burgh to Flanders or Zeland of every sek of woll or skinnis sek lik and of euery last of salmond and hidis tuelf grotis Flanderis money to be ressauit and vptakin of the merchantis gudes that happinnis to be input and ladnyt in the samyn schippis and to be deliuerit to ane collectour thoucht expedient be the towne to ressaue the samyn and reman in his handis quhilk salbe responsale tharfor to be

furthcumand to by the necessar thingis thoucht be the haile towun to decoring of haly kirk as said is And in euery charter party that happinis to be maid that it be specifeit in the charter partie payand to the collectour that salbe ordand xijg. to Sanct Nicholace lycht and that the skipper of the said schippis to be frauchit ressave and vptak the said xijg. with his fruacht lelely and treulie deliuer it to the said collectour of the gudis being within his schip and at his frauchting salbe sworne tharto. And this xijg. Flandris money to gidder with Sanct Nicholace awin propir gudes to be taken vp and put in the said collectouris handis for the space of five yeris to cum fra the dai of the dait hereof And forther induring the marchandis and tounis wil gif it be vnderstandin be thame the said gudis cummys to the profit of haly kirk.[1]

Item, it is statut and ordanit fra thir furtht that na burges or freman be maid for the said space bot or he be ressauit in fraternite of the gild sall pay ane Franche croune of wecht to Sanct Nicholace reparacioun of his kirk and queir and to be input in the said collectouris handis for the causis befor nemmyt and of all craftismen and vther simple be composicioun to pay ane certane efter ther faculte as salbe aggreit with thame for the tyme.

Assua that na vnfreman be licenc to saile in marchandice to na partis without that he pay to Sanct Nicholace werk and decoring of his kirk twa Franche crounis of the weicht for the space foresaid and gif the provest for the tyme happinis to licenc ony to saile of his auctorite he sal ansuer for the said tua crounis and deliuer or cause to deliuer the samyn to the said collectour in firme keping. . . .—IX. 336-7.

28th July, 1514.

The said day the baillies counsaile and communite present for the tyme grantit and gef fre licence to Gilbert Menzeis provest to dilate and extending Sant Sebastianis Ill quhilk he intendis to big god willing twa fut of bred or mar gif neid beis for the alter of Sanct Sebastianis now biggit to the honor of god and decoring of the kirk.—IX. 363.

12th January, 15$\frac{14}{15}$.

The said day the provest bailzeis and counsaile conducit and feit Sir Johnne Murray sangstar to sing in thar queir and kirk in mess matynis and ewinsang and vther devin seruice occurrand within thar kirk as vtheris the choristaris and singars dois vithin the samyn at all his possibilite For the quhilk thai haue assignit to the said Sir Johnne and be this present act assignis tene markis vsuale money of

[1] Confirmed by another Act of Council, 20th October, 1520.

Scotland . . . to be pait to him of the commone purs quhilk Sir Johnne thai haue conducit for ane yer fra the fest of Sanct Nicholace thar patroun preceding the dait herof. . . .—IX. 389.

11th June, 1515.

The Pariss Clerkschips.

The said [day] the provest bailzeis and ane part of the counsaile present for the tyme disponit and gef the quarter clerkschip of futy quhilk Sandy Waus had to Sir Johnne of Murray in augmentacioun of his fee with all profittis and commoditeis tharof for his gud and continuale seruice done and to be done in thar kirk and queir in all divin seruice And for his continuale residence and remaining with thame all tymes to cum quhile previd that thai maybe of puyschance to gif him ane gretar fee or chaplanry being at thar gift kepande the permissioun of the chaplaneis that thai haue permittit first.

The quhilk day the provost bailzeis and counsaile present for the tyme for the vphald of goddis seruice disponit and gef to Willy Lesly sone to Normond Lesly the quarter pariss clerkschip of the castleget quhilk Johnne Cumming had obefoir to his gud continuale and daily seruice to be done in mess matynis and euinsangis within thair queir and kirk of Sanct Nicholace. . . .—IX. 462.

The said day the provest bailzeis and counsale present for the tyme proudit grantit and assignit to Gilby Bynne elder fyfty schillingis zerlie vsuale money of Scotland for his gud and continuale seruice to be done in thar queyr and kirk. . . .—IX. 463.

4th December, 1515.

One Sanct Barbaris day the ferd day of December in presence of Johnne of Mar provost and the maist part of the good men of the toune present and gatherit within the Vuestry of Sanct Nicholece kirk for the vphald of goddis seruice grantit and assignit to Andro Strathachin sone to vmquhill Dauid Strathin thair seruitor and sangstar for the renunciatioun and ourgiffin of the half clerkschip of the gaistraw at thair command to Gilbert Bynne younger assignit and grantit zerlie to the said Andro for the said renunciatioun xl*s*. to be taken and resauit vp zerlie fra the denys of gyld ay and quhill the tyme that god relief thame to prouide sum vthir competent and accident thing for him.—IX. 525.

23rd June, 1516.

The said day the Ballies counsaile and the maist part of the communite present for the tyme warnit be the officiaris and circualie inquerit be Wilzeame Scrimgeour officiar grantit and consentit uith ane voice concordand na man

sayand in the contrar to defend the presentacioun of the chaplanry of the Magdellene alter gevin be thaim to thair seruitor and chaplane Sir Johnne Fyf and to mak larg expenses thairapone for the defence thairof and thar said chaplane and to bid at thair appellacioun and defend the samyn.—IX. 597.

18th July, 1516.

The said day the provost bailzeis counsaile and communite of the said burgh warnit be the officiaris throue the haill towun gatherit and circualie inquerit be Normond Lesly ane of the officiaris of the said burgh consentit to mak ane generale commissioun and procuratory of the best and worthiast burgesses . . . to pass persew follow and defend the rycht of the presentacioun and patronag of the Magdalene alter of Aberdene debatabill betuix thame and the president and chaptor of Aberdene to treit and compone the said matter as thai think maist expedient one ane amicabill wise for vnce and concord till indur and preseuer betuix thame and the said chaptor as it has bene all tymes bigane and ordanit the said commissioun to be maid vnder thair commone seile and selit with the samyn in dew form as efferis for finall gud of the said mater.—IX. 601.

8th October, 1518.

The said day the prouest bailzeis and counseill assignit and ordanit to be deliuerit to Schir Johne Cuming thair chorister and player on thair organis aucht d. of Sanct Nicholes braid every Sonday and every principall fest likas yuill pasche thair patronnis day Witsonday and sicklike sextene d. in likwiss as vse uas to be gevin to Sir Andrew Cuper his predecessour.—X. 8.

13th December, 1518.

The said day the prouest bailzeis and a pairt of the conseill assignit Schir Johnn Cumming singar of thair quayr and playar one thair organis for his fee for his gud and lovable service to be done yeirly of the mail of the croffis fiv merkis ij*s*. les and the clerkship of the Castelgat quarter for vther fiv merkis and four merkis of Shedesley.—X. 27, 33.

10th January, 15^{18}_{19}.

The said day the tovne consentit and ordanit the masteris of kirk-werk to translat thair funt and passag to the rudloft and bigup sanct michell dur and mak a fair wyndo in that gavill of thair croce kirk.[1]—X. 33.

[1] This is the large Gothic window still remaining in the gable of the north transept: it is far inferior in point of style to the somewhat later window in Greyfriars church.

The said day the prouest and bailzeis with consent of the haill tovne considerand that godis seruice was lattin dovne in a part be caus thar was not ane that attendit nor aduersit to thar sang schoull granttit and committet the reull and regiment of the samyn to thar servand Sir Johnn Cumming be caus he myght best waik tharapone and toucht teicht thar barnis baith to sing and play quhilk is ryght necesser to the vphauld of godis seruice.—X. 33.

17th September, 1519.

The said day the prouest bailzeis and conseill being present for the tym with avise conseill assent and consent of the nychbouris being present for the tyme gaf grantit and concedit to thar wilbelovuit nychbouris and servandis David Broce William Wallace Willeam Loremar and Androv Smyth deikins of the hammerman craft for this instant yeir and to vthiris quhatsumeuer thar successouris deckins of the said craft thar full pouer and lecince to ressaif vptak and inbring of euery brother of the said craft that vptakis or haldis of new boucht or forg to wyrk within this burgh for his entra siluer half ane mark at his first beginyng secundly of ilke master that takis ane prenteis at his begining half a mark therdly of euery feit man that wirkis for mait and fee zeirly ane pund of wax ferdly of ilk master man of the craft euery ouk a d. of offerand to thar patrovne sanct eloy and attour the saidis prouest bailzeis and consaill has given grantit and assignit and be thir presents gevis grantis and assignis to thar said deikins and thar successouris thar full plane and express auctorite and pouer to amend puneiss and correct all maner of trespassouris and failtaris of thar said craft for all trespassis and faultis committit be tham concerning thar said craft and all vthir small faltis dovne amang tham self outtaking bloudweck and deit The quhilkis dewiteis that is to say entran siluer prenteis siluer offrand of master li. of wax of feit seruandis to gidder with the correctionis of the faltis forsaid salbe applyit to all ther mest proffeit it may be to the honor vtilite and proffeit of thar said patronis altar and vphald of the cheplane of the samyn as thai will ansuer to god and to thar said patron be the avise sycht and consideratioun of all the masteris of the said craft quhilk masteris and ilkane of tham sall zeirly vphald and send ane honest candill of ane pund of wax of thar awne expenses and sua thai sall godwillene decor and dote thar said altar with vestmentis buikis tovellis chanlair ymagis and all vther ornamentis according tharto to the honor of god and thar patroun.—X. 112.

12th June, 1520.

The said day the prouest with the awise of the consaill gif grantit and assignit to Sande Leslie singer of thar queyr thar quarter clerkschip of the

Castellget for his gudseruice to be dovne continualy within thar queyr he payand zeirly furtht of the said clerkschip to Dauid Loremar choristar of the samyn the sovme of fourty *s.* at the pasche terme ay and quhilk we previt the said Dauid of ane better pensioun or fee And that togidder with his pensioun of xl*s.* quhilk he has of the tovne abefor.—X. 197.

20th November, 1520.

The said day it was considerit be haill tovne that Sir Johne Fif thar feit choristar and singar keipit not continewell seruice within thar queyr as he aucht to do and in likwise that he was seditious of conditionis and schew discorde among the nychtbouris of the tovne and brethir of the kirk as was allegit and quhen he had beyne twyis afor the caus of suspentioun of thar kirk and was presumyt to be now instrument to the samyn effect for thir consideratiouns and sundry vthiris moving tham thai discharg be this present act the said Sir Johne of all thar seruice and feis And ordanis ane vthir singar to be feit in his place be the awise of the consaill.—X. 259.

8th April 1521.

The said day the provest with consent and assent of the haill towne hes feit and condutit Walter Futhe singar to mak daylie residence and seruice in thar queyr at mattingis mess ewynsang And all vther seruice to the honor of god and decoring of thar moder kirk. For the quhilk the said Walter sall haue zeirly fourty schillingis of the toun to his clais and his daylie meet wiklie amang the gudmen of the samyn.—X. 295.

4th October, 1521.

The said day it was statut and ordanit be the provest and bailzeis with consent of the haill towne that na maner of man be warnit to pass with Sanct Nicholes bred except thir personis within writtin and quhilk of thame that beis lauchtfully warnit by the segrestare or his deput and passis not with the samyn in the usuall tyme as is requirit without lauchfull impediment sall pay to the reparatioun of the said kirk wark oneforgevin tene *s.* and this to be tak up but fauor or request.—X. 362.

7th October, 1521.

The said day the prouest and bailzeis with awise of ane part of the consaill feit and conducit Gilbert Robertsone singer of thar queyr for iij. zeiris nixt and immediat folowing the dait of this writ to mak daily seruice in thar queyr at matingis hemes

(high mass) and ewinsang and all vther dyvin seruice vse and vont within thar said kirk festuell and feriell days for the quhilk thar haif assignit him thar clerkschip of the futy quarter togidder with his meit in the tovne oukly of the personis eftir following that is to say of Andro Cullan one sonday with the prouest one mounday with the gudman Gilbert Menzeis one tuisday with Mathow Branche on Widinsday with Alexander Gray on furisday with the curet on friday and with on Saterday the said Gilbert payand zeirly out of the said clerk to Sir Dauid Loremar tua merkis allanerly of the quhilk tua merkis the toune sall relief him with the first wakand for the qukilk the said gilbert robertsone has oblegit him be the faith in his body. . . .—X. 364.

The said [day] the saidis prouest bailzeis and consell feit and conducit Wille Stradaquhin singer of thar queyr for iij. zeiris to mak daily residence at matingis hie mes and ewingsang and all vthir diuyne seruice usit and wont within the said kirk for the quhilk thar haue assignit him xx*s*. togidder with his meit and clerkschip quhilk he haid afor. . . .—X. 365.

The said day the forsaid prouest bailzeis and conseill feit and conducit Walter Feithty to sing in thar queyr at matingis etc. . . . and to play on thar organis small or gret quhen he is requirit for thre zeiris nixt to cum fra the dait of this writ for the quhilk the said Walter sall haue fourty *s*. zeirly pait to him be the master of the kirkwark togidder with his meit amang the gudmen of the tovne. . . .—X. 365.

14th October, 1521.

The said day the bailzeis charg Will Pay cutler to pay sex *s*. viij*d*. to Sanct eloy leicht quhen the laif of the craft pays thar dewyteis for the vptakin of his bouth within the toune efter the form of the statutis maid amang the craft of hammermen.—X. 369.

6th April, 1522.

The said day the prowest bailzes counsell and communite present for the tyme conducit and feit Sir Androw Pinkarton singer and corister to sing in thair queir quhill Witsonday cum a zeir quhilk is Witsonday in the zeir of god ane thowsand five hundret twenty and thre zeiris in continuall residence and seruice at mess matingis ewinsang and all vther dewyne seruice use and wont for the quhilk thai haue permittit him xij. merkis.—XI. 70.[1]

2nd June, 1522.

The said day Normond Leslie present in iugment to the provest and bailzes his rentell of the ruyd mailis of this burgh the quhilk the said provest and baillies hes red and vnderstand the samin.—XI. 109.

[1] *Cf.* XI. 107.

11th August, 1522.

The said day the hail toun all in ane voce gadderit be the hand bell and conuient for the maist part within the tolbuith of the samen thai be and circuilie inqueriet be Wilzeam Rolland bailze gaue grantit and assignit to maister Dauid Nicholson chaplane the profitis allectionis and assetis of Sanctt Jone the Ewangelistis alter situat within the paroche kirk of abirden with the annualis mails offerandis with all and sindire proffeits and dewiteis pertening or may pertene thairto for all the days of his live efter the tennour of the fundatioun of the samen And ordand the provest to pass and gif the said maister Dauid actuall and riall institutioun thairof in thair namys.—XI. 151.

17th November, 1522.

The said day the provest baillies and counsall hes chargit thair singaris to continew in thair guyd Servis of the singing of ane gloriosa efter matinis and salme eftir ewin sang. And hes ordaind the personis gevin in bill be the said singaris quilk ar obleist be thair hands and markis to pay the sovme promist be thame efter the forme of the said bill.—XI. 206.

10th October, 1524.

The said day the prouest bailzeis and a part of the consell present for the tyme feit and conducit Willeam Stradaquhin synger to sing in thair queyr in festuell and feriell days at mattingis mess ewinsang and all vther seruice ussit and vont within the said queyr and quhilk the said Willeam be prest quhilk oblegit him be the faith in his body to the prouest for the keiping of the said seruice and inlikwise for his remanence for the quhilkis thai promittit him zeirly tene markis and assignit to him sex markis of thair maillis of the gardin and four markis to be pait to him zeirly of thar mallis or bred be the maisteris of the kirk wark.—XI. 487.

And inlikwise the prouest baillies and consaill forsaid conducit and feit Gilbert Robertsone syngar to all the seruice afor exponit for the quhilk thai promittit to him tene markis that is to say six markis of his awne clerkschip and four markis to be assignit to hime be the tovne quhar he may have the best paiment tharof.—XI. 488.

3rd March, 152$\frac{4}{5}$.

The said day the prouest with the awise of the conseill present for the tyme requirit Sir Richert Anderson Cheplane to cum and mak personal residence within thair queyr and kirk in all diuyne seruice and assignit him tene merkis of

thair maillis within the tovne togidder with the fiv merkis quhilk he has in pentioun obefor in compleit paiment of tene *li.* betuix this and Witsunday nixt to cum with intimatioun as obefor that gif he enteris not to his said residence and compleitis not the samen thai discharg him of his pentioun and will mak na mair paiment tharof and gif he cums and makis the said residence thai sall mak him als son as neid is of the said pentioun of x*li.* for all the days of his lif all fraud and gile auay put.—XI. 546.

16th March, 152$\frac{4}{5}$.

It was thocht expedient be prouest bailzes and sa mony of the consaill as was present for the time because thai war informit that my lord of Abirdene was nocht to cum afor the sanze and that thar kirk had stand lang desolet of diuyne seruice and this haly tyme of Pasche quhilk now approchis to send Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis and with him thre horse in company to my said lord of Abirden to gett a commissioun from him to sum vther bischop to cum and reconseil the said kirk and requirit the prouest to mak expensis thar one and quhat expensis beis maid thar one to be allouit to the saide prouest in his first comptis notheles the suspendaris of the said kirk being charply persewit for the said expensis and the gret iniuris dovne to the said communite quhow soone and incontinent it be fund quha was the cause of the said kirkis suspending.—XI. 552.

6th October, 1525.

The said day the prowest baillies counsell and communite all in ane voce chargit Dauid Andersoun maister of Sanct Nicholace wark to deliuer all money tymmir stanis lyme and all other thing necessar perteining to the Patroun quhilk he hes tharof and that to the reparatioun and wpbiging of thair portis and all necessar thingis within the toun for thair defence offerand thame to keip him skaithles at al tyme on the quhilk the said Dauid tuik instrument that he wes chargit be the haill toun to deliuer the samyn and that it suld nocht turne him nor his ayris till na preiudice in tymes cumming befor the forsaid witnes and Maister Coppin Scheres and Sir Dauid Loremir notaris public.—XI. 630.

10th November, 1525.

The prouest and bailzeis feit Patry Cuming singar to mak gud and continuell seruice in thar queyr baith one holidays and wark day for all the space of fiv zeiris for the quhilk he sall haue his met and ij. merkis and ane half zerly to his cla^{t} and be oblegit be the faith in his body to mak gud leill and trew seruice for the said space.—XI. 647.

13th April, 1526.

The said day the prouest bailzeis and consaill gaf grantit and assignit to thar sangstar and chorestar Sir Dauid Loremar the fiv merkis zeirly of thar myllis quhilk Sir Richart Andersone haud of thame in pentioun for all the days of the said Sir Dauid liftyme in compleit aquietatioun and fulfilling of the sovme of tene pundis of his zeirly fee for his gud and trew seruice to be daylie dovne in thar queyr and kirk as is expronit at mair lyntht in the act of his conductioun.—XI. 704.

30th April, 1526.

The said day Besse Birs was in amerciament of court for the strublance and mispersoning of Sir Wm. Philpson chaplane in word for the quhilk it was deviset be the assise that she suld ask him forgivines on hir kneis quhilk she did And gif ever she faltit to him in tymes cuming to pay ij. li. wax to the haly bluid lycht and be banist the toun.—XI. 714.

30th July, 1526.

The said day the prouest with the awise of the consall assignit to ther oritour and chaplane Sir Rychart Andersone sax merkis of the maill of thar flesch howis and four merkis of thar malis of Schedosley togidder with the fyw merkis qlk he hes in annuell pensione of thar Wunyr myll liand within the burt of Abirdene in compleit paiment of the sowme of tene *li.* gewyne and assignit to him be the said prouest bailzeis consall for all the dais of his lywe for his dailie residence and gud seruice to be donne within thar queir at mess matonis and ewynsang festuall and feriall dais and wyther seruice use and wont.—XII[1]. 16.[1]

12th October, 1526.

The said day the prouest and bailzeis present in iugment for the tyme statut ordanit and commandit that na chaplanis haifand ony anwellis within the said burt of Abirdene suld pund for the samyn at his awin hand and of his awin authorite and at na officiar pas with thame or ony ane of thame to pund for the annuellis without speciall command of the prouest or bailzeis and als the saidis chaplainis schawand thar auctentik euidence one the same afor the prouest and bailzeis And in speciall hes forbidden and inhibit that nayne of thar officiaris pas with Mr. Thomas Chalmer curate of Abirdene to pund ane tenement pertenend to Dauid Lame liand in the Unyrkirkgait in the north part of the same betuix the land of Umqll Dauid Richartsoun burges of the said burt one the Est

[1] *Cf.* XII[1]. 21.

part the land of chaplainis of the quier of the pariss kirk of Abirdene one the West part the kingis gait on the sowth part bot for fyw allanerlie qlk the said maister Thomas Chalmer schaw his attentik euidence for ane annuell qlk he allagis be hes of the said tenement.—XII[1]. 52.

29th October, 1526.

The said day provest bailzeis and consall commandit and chargit ther maisteris of the kyrk wark to pay Sir Jhone Fif aucht merkis of fee togidder with the sevin merkis qlkis be hes of the ruid altar in compleit paiment of the sovm of tene pundis for his dailye seruice to be maid within ther keyr in all dywin seruice baith festuall dais and feriall dais wsit and wont within the said kyrk. . . .

Sir John Cumming feed for twenty merks to be paid quarterly.—XII[1]. 64.

7th January, 1526-7.

The said day maister Wm. Meldrum chaplane of Sanct Ninianis altar fundit be wmqll his forbear the laird of Fywe protestit solemnly that quhat the inquest above writin and in the seruice of Adam Mitchell bernis suld not turne the kyrk his patrotoun nor himself as chaplane forsaid to na preiudice bot at he mycht haue remeid of law quhen the tyme and place aquerit.—XII[1]. 95.

1st April, 1527.

The said day the prouest and the mest part of the conseill convenit in the tolboutht thar being oppinly warnit be the hand bell and personaly be thar officiaris all in ane wouce consentit and gaf lecenc to Gilbert Robertsone thair chorisstar to pass to the skoullis to lair to play one the organis for twa yeres and ordanit to mak him thankfull pament of his fee the said tua zeiris for the quhilk the said Gilbert oblegit him be the faitht in his body to mak tham a zeiris seruice at his first hamecuming for the said tua zeiris fee and to serfe them fra then furtht and afor ony wtheris.—XII[1]. 136.

14th June, 1527.

The said day Dauid Bruce ressauit in iugmient in pns. of prouest bailzies consall and communitie ane chaleiss of Sanct Jhone Evangelist contenene xvj. vnce and als ressauit xv. vnce of brokin siluer and ordanid him to mak ane chaleis of xl. vnce that is to say the futt and schaill contenene xxxviij. and the patone of the same vj. vnce and that suld caus gif the remanent of the xl. vnce of siluer forsaid to him to mak the said chaleis.

Item, deliuerit him by my self the xxij. day of Marche anno 1532 to end the said challeis three ovnce of fyne siluer and swa it suld contene in the haill xxxiiij. ovnce Dauid Nicholsone.—XII[1]. 179.

11th October, 1527.

The said day all the personis vnder writin of thair awin fre motiwe will one coakit or compellit be ony maner of persone gaif grantit and promest the soumis of money efter following ilk man for ilk self to the furnessing and bying of tua haill standis of clayth of gold that is to say tua chesopis four tunnakillis with vther small thingis efferaud thairto to the tua capis of claith of gold thai haue gottin and bocht ellis to the decoracioun and honoring of God our lady and thair gloriuss patrovn Sanct Nicholas and all diwyne seruice within thair pareis kyrk that is to say in the first Gilbert Menzeis prouest tua lib. grit. Andro Cullan ane lib. grit., etc.—XII[1]. 252.

20th January, 1527-8.

The said day Jhone Crag tuik him to preif one friday that nyxt cumis that he had povar of James Collisone to deliuer a li. grit of Sanct James siluer to ane payntor to help to by ane tabernakill to the said sanct James altar and at he hed deliuerit the same to the said payntor one the said James nayme And atour Willeame [Orum] grantet in iugment that ther was ane li. grit of the said sanct James siluer in his handis and oblest him to pa the same in the first schip or schipis for the decoratioun of the said sanct James altar.—XII[1]. 309.[1]

9th September, 1528.

The said day the prowest Bailzeis and counsaill of this guid touun gaiff grantit and assignit to ther lowit singar Patre Cuming the seruice and office of the clerkschip of the quartar and proffeit of the same quilk William Straquhin ther singar had of thame ale for he doand and keipand of the same wse and wont as hes bene wsit in tymis bigane.—XII[2]. 435.

15th January, 1528-9.

The said day It was statute dowisit and ordanit be the haill counsaill present for the tyme that Thomas Menzeis of Petfoddellis Dauid Andersoun bailzie William Rolland and Maister Androw Tulideff salbe collectouris to all the tounis feallis singaris baith prestis and clerkis And all the feis gewin and assignit to thame be the toun be put in ane rentell togidder and the same deliuerit to the said collectouris And thai to tak oup the said feis termelie and keip the same in ane comond burs amang thame And the said collectouris sall haue ane falt buik of ther awin and caus tua chaplanis of the said Queir that best kepis goddis seruice be sorne our the halie Ewanlegelis to writ lelie and trewlie all the faltis of the

[1] *Cf.* XII[1]. 317.

said feallis singaris baith of Matenis hey mess Ewinsang And all wther messis and seruice thay ar and ar indettit to keip lik as the halybluid mess the ruid mess Our lady mess and sanct nicolas mess and all wther messis and divine seruice use and wont within the said kyrk And at the said collectouris sall pay the said feallis singaris ther feis promittit and assignit to thame be the toun quartertlie And that ilk quarter sall cast and luik the falt buik and consider and see quhat ilk ane of the said fealis faltes drawis to in the said quartar and thane to alow samekle as his said faltis cumis to in the first end of his fee and to pay him the remanent tharof thankfulle And the said singaris sall pay for ilk falt lik as is contenit in ane statute maid and subscruit with thar awin handis in the buik of statutes of the said burt that is to say ilk falt one the feriall day ij*d.* and in the haly day iiij*d.* and ilk principall fest day viij*d.* unforgewin And als quha that cummis to the queir and will not sing or beis notit haldand tauik in the tyme of the seruice or departis of the queir or the finalle end of the seruice sall be reputed as absent fra the samyn seruice qlk falt salbe disponit truelie be the awise of the prowest bailzeis and counsaill of the said burt.—XII². 475.

9th April, 1529.

Sir William Couper presented to the altar of S. Peter on the decease of Master David Menzies the last possessor.—XII². 565.

8th October, 1529.

The said day the provost and counsaill findis that sanct nicolas mett has bene in vse of paying lang tyme bigane baith of merchandis fremen and strangearis and at it ought to be obeit siclik in tymis cuming.—XII². 694.

10th January, 1529-30.

Process for two annuals belonging to the Chaplains of the Choir,—one for 13*s.* 4*d.* out of the late Dik Litstar's land in the Green and the other for xij*d.* out of the land of the late Andrew Affray in the Gallowgate.—XII². 741.[1]

6th May, 1530.

The said day the provest and haill counsaill for the tyme present gaif grantit and assignit to the making and giltyne of Sanct Jhone the evangelist challeis pertening to the chaplainry and donatioun the first fremanis silver that hapins to be maid within this burgh qlk freman maister Dauid Nicholsoun the chaplaine of the said altar will accept and tak.—XII². 810.

[1] *Cf.* XIII. 66.

The said day It was commandit deuisit and ordanit be the provost bailzeis and counsaill of this guid tovne present for the tyme all in ane voce that Sir Robert Spark ther chaplane and singar within the queir be ekit tua markis zeirlie in his fee to be pait to him zeirlie of the tovnis propertie or accidentis. . . . —XII[2]. 811.

14th November, 1530.

The said day Johne Andersoun was convickit in ane lacht of vj. schillingis iiij*d*. to be doublit because he was found in the vedding kirk dur with his bonat on his heid quhilk was hallouit place and kirk efter the decernyng of the balzeis and the haile court.—XIII. 39.

9th January, 1530-31.

The bailzeis chargit Johne Pyl to pay Maister Robert Schand tua markis and ane half of by run maile of ane chalmer pertenyng to his chaplanry of Sanct Annis altar and to deliver him the key of the said chalmer within xxiiij. houris and failzeing thereof to pay him the nixt termes maile and ordanit the officiaris to pas and poynd for the said by run mailis.—XIII. 65.[1]

Process by Sir William Ray, chaplain of the altar of St. Christopher for an annual rent out of land on the N. side of the Gallowgate between the land of the late Alexander Buk on the S. the land of the late Robert Smith on the N. and the king's highway on the E. and W.—XIII. 66.

Process by Mr. Robert Menzes, chaplain of S. Leonard's altar, for an annual rent of two marks out of land on the W. side of the Gaistraw between the land of Gilbert Malison and Alexander Rutherford on the N. and that of Duncan Fergussoun on the S.—XIII. 67.

17th November, 1531.

The said day the provest and counsaill conducit and feit Patrik Cumyng singar to sing within the queir in mateins hie mess and evinsang and all wther diuine seruice within the kirk vse and wont aye and qll the said Patrik be premovit to the order of prestheid and that for tene merkis zeirlie of fee and his dalie meit. . . .—XIII. 284.

21st October, 1532.

The bailzeis chargit Willeam Rolland in iugment to fulfill his part of the contract maid betuix vmqll Willeam Rolland his fader and the smyths of this guid tovun tuching the vestment to Sanct Cloyis altar thar patrovun of the dait the xiij. day of August the zeir of God ane thousand five hundret xxvj. zeris And

[1] *Cf.* XIII. 74.

to bring the said vestment conforme to the said contract in the first and eiest schpie that passis furth of Abirden to Flanderis frathin furt and returnis agane to Abirdene.—XIV. 31.

13th January, 1532-3.

Item, the hale tovn being conueint as said is all in ane voce dischargit all thair singaris in thair queir that hes feis of thame and thair commond guid fray the purificacioun of our lady callit Candilmess nixt cumis and of all proffetis tha haue of thame for thair demeritis bigane done to God and tham during the tovnis will except Sir Andro Coupar that is an agit man and hes bene ane ald seruand to the tovun on the quhilkis the prouest tuik instrument.—XIV. 76.

3rd May, 1533.

The said day thir personis vnder writin that is to say Gilbert Menzeis prouest Andro Cullan Thomas Menzeis Dauid Andersoun Alex. Rutherfurd and Johnn Blak ar content to gif thair louit seruitour Andro Lame for his dalie guid seruice within thair quere at all diuine seruice ilk ane of thame ane dais meit in the owik on to the tyme he be better prouidit that is to say the prouest Sonday Thomas Menzeis Monnonday Dauid Andersoun Tuisday Andro Cullane Vednisday Watt Cullan Fruisday Johnn Blak Friday and Andro Durty Setterday. —XIV. 177.

12th December, 1533.

The said [day] the Counsale present for the tyme all in ane voce concordand deuisit and ordained all the takismen of the watteris of this guid toun to pay and deliuer zeirlie at the natiuite of our lord callit zowill the lichtis of wax to the honor of god our lady and thar patroun Sanct Nicholace conforme to the auld vse and consuetud that is to say euery takisman of the raik and done thre lichtis euery takisman of the midchingill tua lichis euery takisman of the Pot furdis and auchand part of ane saxt part of the cruffis ane licht weyane ilk licht half ane lib with thar avin mark on the same to be gevin to the lichtis of the altaris of our lady croce in the loft and Sanct Nicholace And to ressaue thar stump agane zeirlie and mak and gif thar candill at zowill as said is in all times cuming conforme to the auld vse and consuetued.—XIV. 323.

5th June, 1534.

Action by Mr. Thomas Chawmer Curate of Aberdeen and Chaplain of S. Katherine's altar for an annual of 13*s.* 4*d.* out of land on the N. side of the Castlegate formerly belonging to Robert Blynschele and now to Patrick Forbes. —XIV. 390.

19th June, 1534.

The said day the prouest bailzeis and counsale of this guid tovun present for the tyme conducit and feit Robert Zovung singar to sing and keip all diuine seruice within the queir and kirk vse and vont except thai licenc him fra the mateins on feruele dais he keipand the skuyll qll he be sufficientle instructit in grammer for the qlkis seruice the said provest bailzeis and counsale sall content and pay the said Robert zeirlie at tua termes in the zeir vitsonday and mertimes fourty schillingis scottis be tua equale portionis togidder with his dalie meit. . . .—XIV. 402.

27th November, 1534.

Action by Mr. Thomas Chalmer Chaplain of the Lady Altar for an annual of 5*s*. out of Crynis croft lyand in the territory of Futy.—XIV. 484.[1]

16th August, 1535.

The said day George Baxter writ obleigit him to enter to Sanct [Nicholas] work on Vednisday cum aucht dais nixt cumis and remane tharat and fulfil the same conforme to his conductioun for his avin part vnder the pane of xl*s*. to Sanct Nicholace vark.—XIV. 624.

27th April, 1536.

The bailzie ordanit the officeris to pas with the clerkis of the kirk and pund all personis induellaris the said burgh awand thame thar feis sa far as thai grant and mak thame to be pait of the same and quham that denyis thar duyteis to varne thame to ane court day and he sall do the said clerkis iustice.—XV. 135.

12th October, 1537.

The said day the consell hes dischargit all the singaris at ar the fealis for causis mowing thame qll thai be forder awysit and hes commandit M. A°. Tulidef the dene of gyld to nane of thame quhill he get neto command of the prowest and consell.—XV. 428.

Eodem die.

The prowest bailzeysis and consell statutis and ordanis that the personis aboun wryten [46 names given] pass with Sanct Nicholace breid quhen thai ar warnit be the secrestanis seruandis or hym self at thar housis thai beand at hame and not seyk And quhat that dissobeyis the secretane prewand his warnyng he

[1] *Cf*. XIV. 494.

sell pay als mekill to Sanct Nicolace wark as the bred siluer drew to the last sonday afor And gyf the secrestar prewis not his warning he sell pay als mekil siclik as the bred to the sonday follow.—XV. 432.

23rd November, 1537.

The said day the prowest and covnsell present for the tyme chargit and commandit Dauid Andersoun maister of the kirkwark to tak downe the wast gawil dur of the kirk quhen he thinkis tyme and to byg the same agane of new in the best maner with the radiast stanis that pertenis to the said kirk and with the radiast money he hes or gettis to furneis the same.—XV. 479.

28th January, 1537-8.

James be the grace of God king of Scottis to the provest and balzes of our burt of Aberdene greting forsemekill as It is humely menit and schawin to us be our louit oratour and cheplane maister Robert M'Keson cheplane of the cheplanrie of Halyblud altar within the paroche kirk of Aberdene That quhair he hes x*s*. of annel rent money of our realm pertening to him as patrimony and property of his sayd cheplanrie to be takin vp zeirly of ane land lyand within the chakkirraw of our said burt on the south syd therof betuix the land of Sanct Bastianis altar on the est part the land of Maister Thomas Annand on the southe part the land of Walter Cullane on the vest part and the he get of our said burght on the northt part And the said Maister Robertis predecessoris and he hes bene in use and possessione thairof in tymes bygane past memor man Quhill now laitly Williame Chesem heretabill possessour of the sayd land for the tyme wald mak the sayd maister Robert no payment of his sayd annuell thairof nor zit suffir the occupiaris of the ground to do the same And to stoyp him fra payment the said Wm. Chesolm hes laitly befor the last fest of Mertimes sauld the said land to Robert Indeaucht burges of our said burght quhill inlikwys wyll mak the said maister Robert na payment of his said annuel thairof without he be compellit as is allegit Our will is theirfor and we charge zov straitly and commandis that in contenment that our lettres sene ze call bayth the saydis partiis befor zou and tak cognitioun quhat possessioun the sayd maister Robert Makesonis predecessoris and the cheplains of the sayd cheplanrie hes bene in of the said annuell as patrimony and property therof in tymes bygane past memorie of man And as beis fundin that ze keip and defend the said maister Robert in siclyk possessioun . . . Gewin under our signet At Edinburght the xiii. day of December and of our regine the xxv. zeir.

The said day the prowest and balzeis findis be Inquisitioune and cognitioune

takin be thame that maister Robert Makesonis predecessouris maister Johnn Merschell and maister Dauid Makesoune cheplanis of the Halyblud altar within the paroche kirk of Aberdene hes bene in possessioun of tene *s.* of annuell rent of the land within wrytin as patrimony and propirty of the said altarage thir mony zeiris bygane and ordanis the said maister Robert and his successoris cheplains therof to be kepit in siclik possessioun as his predecessouris ay and quhill he be lauchtfully callit and ordourly put therfra And gif nyd beis thai ordane thair officiaris to pound and distrenze for the same for all termes bygane and to cum quhill he be ordourly remowit therfra as said is.—XV. 528-9.

28th April, 1539.

The said day the haill towne beyng varnit to this day be thair bell man passand throcht thair rewis and the maist parte thairof beyng conwenit within the tolbuitht and thai beyng circuly inquirit be Dauid Andersone balze gaif grantit and assignit the altarage of Sanct Peter within thair paroche kirk of Sanct Nicholace vacand in thair handis be the deceise of vmquhile Schir Willeame Coupar to ane venerable clark Maister James Menzes persone of Dunnotter for all the dais of his lyftyme for the reparatioun and byggyng of the tenementis and landis pertening to the said altarage and for to wesy and se thair daily seruice dewyne within thair queyr and caus the same be ordourit and keipit to the honour and plesur of God in the best sort he can dewyse and ordanit Thomas Menzes thair prouest to present him to the same and seill his presentatioun and gyft with thair commound seill on the quhilkis Mr. Robert Menzes his procuratour tuk nott and instrument vytness Mr. Androw Tulidaf Mr. Johne Gordone John Arthur and Maisteris Johne Nicholsone and Johne Hay notaris publik And the prouest of his benevolence promittit to the town that he suld caus the said Mr. James to refund and pay yeirlie the soume of ten pundis to ane syngar for daly seruice within thair queyr.—XVI. 229.

26th April, 1540.

The said day the prowest ballies decernyt and ordanit maister Thomas Chalmer curate of Abirdene cheplane of Sanct Kathereines altar to be obeyt and ansurit of and his successoris cheplains of the sayd altar of ane annuell rent of v*s.* scottis to be optatakin zeirly of the landis lyand in the grene pertening the quhyt freiris betuix the den burn on the west the kingis gayttis on the est and northt partis and the said freiris yard on the southt to the quhilk the procurator of the saidis freiris consentit and assentit for stopping of the dome of propirty persewit be hym of ane vast land wytin the saidis merchis And ordanis hym to be payit of thre termes bygane on payit and mair gif he ma preyf it.—XVI. 508.

3rd February, 1541-2.

The said day the prowest ballies and consell with consentt and at the desyir of the maisteris of kirkwark feit and conducit thair seruitour Robert Wschertt for the mending of all the holis of the kirk vindois zeirly during all the dais of his lyf And promyttit hym yrfor zeirly thre merkis to be payit be the said maisteris of wark at Wytsounday and Mertimes be equall portiones sua that the said vndois be not broken extending attour ane futt of glace and gif it beis mair nor a fut of glace in ane place to be pait yrfor by his fe extending to his lauboris the said maisteris of vark fundand hym leddiris irn and lym to the mending yrof and als thai ordane to gif him iiij. merkis for this zeir becaus thai considderit his gryt lauborrowis maid yrapoune.—XVII. 92.[1]

23rd February, 1541-2.

The said day the prowest ballies and counsell present for the tyme gaif grantytt and consentytt and assignitt to the craftismen vnder wrythin that is to say wrythis and masonis of the said burght frely lycence to repair and byg thar altar callit Sanct Johnne the Baptistis alter within the parroche kyrk of Aberdene and to decoir the samyn in the maist honest maner with all maner of accidentis that maybe had of thar said craft in tyme cumynge providing all wayis that the gift of the said alter remane with the tovne notwithstanding this gift.—XVII. 113.

18th September, 1544.

The saide day the hale consale being convenit togidder hes ordanit and feit Sir Jhone Fethy to be ane of the prebenderis of the queir and to haif the organis and sang schole for instructioun of the menners of gude barnis and keeping of thaim in gude ordor and he to mak continuale residence In the said queir for the qlk thai haif gifen him xx*li.* zerlie of fee to be thankfullie payit to him zerlie salang as he remains and makkis gude seruice to the tovne and that of the rediest of the commoun gude.—XVIII. 253.

1st December, 1544.

The said day maister Johnne Gordoun allegit in Jugement that he hed ane commissioun of his maister the lietennentis to tak cognitioun vpoun the hinging of the Image of Sanct Franceis and quhome he fand culpabill tharof to put thame in the balzes handis in keiping on to the tyme that Justice wer done vpoun thame yrfor as the law requirit and that he be vertue yrof hed takin cognitioun in

[1] *Cf.* XVII. 174.

the said matter and that wes verefyit and knawin to him that Thomas Branche and Thomas Cussing wes tua of thame that wes hingaris of the said Image and yrfor deliuerit thame in Jugement to the baillies forsaid and requirit thame in the liuetennentis name to keip thame in ferme securite and ward qll Justice might be done on thame yrfor be the said liutennent or his deputis as thai wald ansuer to the leutennent yrupoun and yreftir the said balzes requirit all the four officiaris in iugement to Intromett with the said tua personis and deliuerit thame to the said officiaris in Jugement and requirit thame to keip the said personis in ward in the tolbuyth as thai wald anser to thame and the toune yrupoun and gif thai misterit ony mair help thai suld be supportit as thai misterit and requirit on the qlks thai tuk Instrumentis and actis of court.—XVIII. 520.

15th July, 1546.

The said day the counsale and bailzeis present for the tyme decernit and ordinit Sir Jon Futhy maister of thair Sang skull to joist and possess the said skuill And to haue the haill regiment and teching of the barnis yrof togidder with thair organis in thair parroche kirk conforme to this conducioun yrto be the tovun and dischargit all utheris of the said skuill and organis except the said Sir John and his techaris vnder him to be nominit and input be him as thinkis expedient.—XIX. 163.

26th August, 1546.

The said day the bailzeis and counsale present for the tyme ordinit Dauid Andersoun thair maister of kirk wark to send to Sanctandrowis for ane plumbar to reforme and mend the faltis of thair kirk and ordinis that quhat expensis he gevis ane seruand to pas for the said plumbar and als quhat be gevis the said plumbar for his travill heir gif he agreis nocht with him one the wark and gif he agreis quhat expensis he makis thairupoun to be alovit thankfully to him in his next comptis.—XIX. 195.

18th April, 1547.

The said day it is deuisit and ordinit be the counsale that tha pas with thair curat and chaplane of Sanct Michaellis altar of the said burgh to the said altar one Sonday nixt cumis and consider the vestmentis and ornamentis thairof and quhat it wantis necessar thairto tha ordand the same to be maid thairto one the tovnis expensis.—XIX. 322.

The said day it is deuisit statutit and ordinit be the bailzeis and counsale for keiping of the glassin vindokis of their kirk and the sklatis of thair luge that quhatsumener personis yovng men seruandis barnis or craftismen brakis ony of

the said vyndokis of the kirk or queir or sclatis that thair faderis or maisteris sall ansuer therfor and reforme and mend the same agane on thair avin expensis on the qlk Dauid Andersoun maister of the kirk wark tuik act of court.—XIX. 322.

8th October, 1547.

The said day the prouest and bailzeis dischargit all thair feallis within thair queir of all feis thai bane of the tovne during the tovnis vill and ordinit thair denis of gild that tha pay nane of tham ony fee in tyme cumyng quhill tha gif tham new command thairto agane.—XIX. 407.

18th April, 1550.

The said day the counsale ordinit all the chaplanis of the tovnis fundationis to be varnit to comper afor thame the morne in the chaptour of thair parroche kirk and bring with thame euery ane for thame self the challesis vestimentis and ornamentis thairof to be sane be thame that tha may caus mak inuintour thairof to be keipit to the vsis of the altaragis thairof in tymes cuming.—XX. 403.

8th August, 1850.

The said day the tovun beyng conuenit as said is Maister John Kennedy resignit and ourgaif his office of the bellis of the tovn in the said tounis handis in favouris of Andro Malisoun sone to Gilbert Malisone burges of the said burgh condicionaly that is to say the promeise and prouisioun of Sanct John the Evangelist altar within the paroche kirk of Abirdene maid to him abefor be the prouest bailzeis and counsale of this guid tovun quhen it hapnit to vaik being obseruit and keipit to him and for that cause he resignit the said office of secrastary and bellis in the said tovnis handis and vthervais nocht And thairefter the tovun being conuenit as said is gaif the said office of bellis and secrastary to the said Andro during his liftym. . . .—XX. 457.

4th October, 1555.

The said day the counsell hawand consideratioune that Sir Robert Bynne cheplane and singor in thair queir is vesiit be the hand of God with infirmitee in his ene quhair throw he is becum blynd and that he maid gude continuell seruice in tymis bigan as lang as he wes habill Thairfor thai all in ane woce consentis and assentis that he haf his ald fee that is to say aucht markis wsuaill money of Scotland togidder with his clerkship quhilkis he had for his fee and seruice obefor for all the dais of his lif but ony impediment or gane calling And

forther that the nobill and honest men of the toune support him of thair awin guidnes at thair plesour and discretioune quhill God restoir him to his sycht and habilite.—XXII. 166.

14th October, 1555.

The said day the prouest and baillies ordanis Gilbert Collisoun maister of Sanct Nicholace wark to delyuer to Patrik Menzeis and Alexander Chawmer denis of gild the girt irne kirk styill to be applyit to the irne wark necessar of the tolbuith. . . .—XXII. 175.

13th December, 1555.

The said day the baillies ordanit Maister Thomas Annand chaiplane of Sanct Jhonne the Ewangellist alter situate within thair paroche kirk of Abirdene to the quhilk the toune ar patronis of his awin grant and consent in judgement to bring and exhibit befor the counsell in thair nixt heid court to be hald in the xiij. of Januar ane litill chalice and ane mekill new chalice of siluer pertening to the said chaplanrie to be vesiit be the counsell and to remayne for seruing of the said alter within the said kirk in firmance and keipyng becaus he hes absentit the same thir diuerse zeiris bygane.—XXII. 209.

17th July, 1556.

The said day the counsell beand convenit within the consel hovs decernit and ordanit that Alexander Rutherfurd aucht and suld be obeyit and ansurit in tyme cumyng induring the yeiris of his assedatioune off Sanct Nicholace mett baith of strengeans and nychtbouris of this toune lyk as he hes bene in tyme bygane vse and vont obefor conform to the ald statut maid thairwpoun.—XXII. 371.

16th November, 1556.

The said day Johnne Blak cheplane in the queir of the paroche kirk of Abirdeine and maister of the sang scuyil thairof exponit to the ballies and ane part of the counsell present for the tym in jugement quhow that the haill brethir of the queir and college forsaid being chepdourlie conuenit affermit obefoir in presens of the prouest baillies and haill consell that thair is certane roumes and places vacand amangis thame for qualifeit persenis to be resauit and admittit therto be the auyse of the saidis prowest baillies and consell And the said Schir Johne in name of the haill brether forsaid presentit in jugement to the baillies in name of the towne Maister Androw Gray as ane cunning and qualefeit perseune to be admittit be thame to ane place amangis the said brethir of the

college forsaid quhome the saidis baillies and consell present for the tyme admittit therto be keipand dayly and continuall seruice in the said queir conforme to the first erectioune and institutioune tharof.—XXII. 441.

26th April, 1557.

The said day the court wardis and schavis for law, and it wes gewin for dome that Maister Eduard Menzeis cheplane of the ruid alter in the organ loft situat within the parroche kirk of Abirdene hes provin sufficientlie that he and Schir Johnne Fyff his predecessour as cheplanis of the said chaplanrie was in vse and possessioun of paiment and vptaking of ane zeirlie annuel rent of xl*d.* wsuall money of Scotlande off ane land liand in the Grene on the south part therof merchand uith the land of the qwyt freiris on the eist part and the land of [ ] one the west pairt pertening sum tyme to Margaret Low and now pertening to Johnne Bane quharfor the prouest and baillies forsaid decernit and ordanit the said Johnne Bane as heretour theroff to refound contend and pay to the said Edward as cheplane forsaid the said annuel rent of xl*d.* money forsaid.—XXII. 542.

8th October, 1558.

The said day in presens of the prowest ballies and counsell of Abirdene conuenit in the chepdour howss within the paroche kirk of the said burght the hayll cheplanis of the said kirk consentit and grantit to gyf to Rechert Reid singar the commounds of the stall now vacand quhilk Maister James Chowner had obefor the tym he wes maister of thair grammar schuill and ordanis Maister Eduard Menzes collectour to ansuer the said Rechert thairof of all termes bygane, sen the said stall and place wes found vacand; and the counsell forsaid obleist thaim to stand concur and assist with the saids cheplaniss in the defens of the pley mowit be the said Maister James for his pretendit tytill of the said stall befor quhatsumeuer juge spirituall and temporall.—XXIII. 36.

16th June, 1559.

The said day the cheplainis of Sanct Nicolas parroche kirk of Abirdene compeirit for the maist pairt befoir the prouest and baillies of the said burght within the tolbuitht and presentit ane bill and supplicatioune in wrytt makand mentione That quhair thai ar surly aduertist and is notowrly knauin That certane personis In to the southt partis of Scotland hes interpryssit At thair awin handis without ony ordor or consent of the authorite to distroy kirkis religious places and the

ornamentis and polacie of the same Thairfor desyrand the prouest baillies and consell to provyd the easiast way of remeid as thai sell think guid for defending and mentenyng of thair said parroche kirk and preserving of the chalices siluer wark kaippis and ornamentis of the same And to put the same in suir firmance and keiping Quhill the said vproir and tumult was put to tranquilite be the antient and wyse counsell of the realme. Quhilk bill being red and the contentis yrof vnderstand and considderit the haill counsell thocht expedient to transport the tounis euidentis furth of the kirk And siclik the grit occryst chalices siluer wark And the maist coistly ornamentis of the kirk And to put the same in suir firmance and keiping and ane Inventor to be maid yrupoune And to intromett preserue and keip the townis euidentis nemit and cheset Thomas Menzies prouest Dauid Mar Maister Patric Ruyerfurd and Walter Cullane Quhilkis acceppit the said cuir and charge apone thame And to intromett with the said siluer wark kaipis and ornamentis nemit and chesit Gilbert Menzeis elder Gilbert Collisone Maister George Myddiltoune and Gilbert Malisone Quhilkis acceppit the said cuir and charge vpon thame To be randerit and restoirit agane Quhen the prouest Ballies and counsell thinkis expedient the same be done.—XXIII. 172.

3rd July, 1559.

The said day the provest ballies and consell admyttit Maister Johnne Hennerson maister of thar grammar scuill to the cheplanry of Sanct Michaelis altar vithin the parroche kirk of Abd. being at their dispoune and donatioun as patronis yrto and being in thair handis throw deces of Maister Johnn Watson last possessor and cheplane yroff be making seruice at the said altar conforme to the fundatioune and vsyng the office as maister of the said scuill and no vder wys and ordanis ane presentatioune to be gewin him thairupoun vnder the tovnis secreit seall.—XXIII. 183.

14th July, 1559.

The baillies ordanis the officiars to pass with Mayster Hector Myrtoune cheplan of the Magdalin altar situate within the paroche kirk of Abirdene, and assist and concur with him in poynding and distrenzeing of ane tenement of land within the yard and lichowss thairof lyand in the Greyne in the rew passand fra Sanct Nicolas kirk to the quhyt freirs on the eyst syd thairof perteining to wmquhill Patre Johnnson litster now occupyt be Alexr. Gray mason for ane yeirly annuel rent of elvin shillings usuall money of Scotland, awand to the said Maister Hector as cheplan forsaid of tua termes immediatly bygane.—XXIII. 188.

18th August, 1559.

The baillies decern Maister Eduard Menzes collector to the chaplanis of S. Nicholas kirk to receive six marks out of John Durty's land on the south side of the Castlegate.—XXIII. 205.

30th October, 1559.

Sir John Blak and Sir John Collison chaplains for themselves and the other chaplains of the Quire desire that the kirk and queir be patent to them so that they may perform divine service, etc.—XXIII. 244.

22nd November, 1559.

Order to the master of Kirkwork to mend the windous and leid thak of the kirk and to prop the roof of the north aisle meantime until it can be repaired.—XXIII. 245.

29th December, 1559.

The burgesses warned by the provost, Thomas Menzies, that he is advised that certain Mearns and Angus men are to be in town this day to destroy and cast down the kirks and religious places, and requesting their assistance to prevent any such action.—XXIII. 251.

4th January, 1559-60.

David Mar, one of the baillies, explains to the whole town assembled in head court that certain strangers had spulzeit the places of the Black and White friars and were removing the lead and timber work, and asking if it was the mind of the meeting that these things should be reserved for the common good of the burgh. Consent given and Mar appointed treasurer.—XXIII. 253.

8th January, 1559-60.

A watch of four persons appointed while the religious houses are being dismantled.

Protest by the provost and others against using the lead, etc., of these houses for the common purposes of the town, and counter protest by the baillies and others.

Four persons appointed to receive and keep the chalices, silver work and ornaments of the parish church until such time as it is determined how they are to be disposed of.—XXIII. 256.

12th January, 1559-60.

The keepers of the silver work admit having received certain silver work according to an inventory subscribed by Mr. Robert Lumsden and the town clerk, Mr. John Kennedy.

Further protest by Thomas Menzies provost and others against the community intromitting for the common uses of the town with any portion of the kirk property or of that belonging to any of the religious houses within the burgh.—XXIII. 259.

13th January, 1559-60.

New appointment of keepers of the silver work according to inventory as follows :—

Item, inprimis, the eucharyist of four pound and tuo unce of siluer; *item*, ane chalice of our lady of pity in the wowlt, nyntene unce; *item*, our lady chalice of the sowth yill, nyntene vnce and ane quart vnce; *item*, Sanct Peteris chalice fyftene vnce and ane half-vnce; *item*, tuo pair of censuris of trethy aucht wnce, togidder witht four crowattis and ane litill schip of saxtene vnce and ane half; *item*, ane chalice of Sanct Johnne the Ewangelist, thretty unce and ane half vnce; *item*, the hospitall chalice sewintene vnce and ane half; *item*, our lady chalice of brig cheppell, tuenty unce; *item*, Sanct Duthakis chalice tuelf wnce and ane quarter wnce; *item*, Sanct Nicolas chalice thretty nyne vnce and ane half vnce; *item*, Sanct Clementis chalice, tene vnce and ane quart vnce; *item*, the Ruid chalice saxten vnce, all of siluer; *item*, ane keipe, ane chesabill, witht two tynnakillis haill fournist with reid weluet, flourit and indentit with gold; *item*, ane kaip of fyne claytht of gold; *item*, ane kaip of claytht of gold fresit with reid veluott; *item*, ane kaip and chesapill witht tynnakillis haill furnist of gold fresit on grene veluott; *item*, tuo keipis of reid veluott, orpheist uith gold.—XXIII. 263.

19th January, 1559-60.

The officers to pass with Sir John Collisoun, chaplain of the Lady Altar, the patronage of which belongs to the town, and distrain for all annual rents due to the chaplainry.—XXIII. 266.

20th February, 1559-60.

Similar assistance by the officars to be given to all the chaplains of Sanct Nicholas parroche kirk so that the rents due them may be collected.—XXIII. 285.

11th October, 1560.

The said day the consell modifiit Dauid Marris fewmaill of Sanct Johnnis croft haldin of the cheplane of Sanct Iohnnis cheplanrie within the parroche kirk of Abd. to the quhilk the toune ar patronis to the sowme of four poundis to be payt to the said cheplane in name of few and to his successouris And ordanis the keyparis of the townis commound seall to seall the said Dauidis few chartour maid thairupoune.—XXIV. 22.[1]

9th December, 1560.

The said day Dauid Mar and Gilbert Menzeis elder grantit thame to haue resauit fra Gilbert Collisone xviij. brassin chandlaris qlk stud one one the lang hers in the queir of Sanct nicholace parroche kirk Tua gryt chandlaris of Sanct Nicholas hie altar with the sacrament chandlar The gryt chandlar of brass with the thre floris Ane pillar of brass with the Imagis and thre cattis and vther grayth therof *Item*, ane lawar of brass vj. Irne chandlaris with the fuitt of brass of the Myd lettrane Sa mony lawaris and throthis of brass as war left vnstowin And the water fatt of brass with the qlkis the said gilbert intromettit with in keiping obefor And deliuerit the same to the saidis Dauid and Gilbert thesauraris of the toun At command of the Counsell.—XXIV. 67.

10th March, 1560-1.

The said day the prouest and baillies Gave command to the four officiaris to pass with Maister Gilbert Murray patrone of Sanct Saluatoris cheplanrie within the parroche kirk of Abirden And with the cheplane thairof And bair thame witnes in poynding and distrenzeing for all annelrentis perteining to the said cheplanrie of quhatsumeuer landis and croftis lyand within this burght and freedome thairof.—XXIV. 147.

26th January, 1561-2.

The said day the haill toun beand lauthfully warnit to this day to heir and se the siluer wark brasin wark keippis and ornamentis of thair parroche kirk ropit and the same to be sauld and disponit to thame that vill offer maist for the same and the money gottin for the samyn to be applawdit to the commond weill and necessar adois of this guid toun quhilkis being ropit conforme to the Invintor registrat in the buikis obefoir diueris tymes be oppin proclamatioun and diuersis and sindry offeraris for the same lauchfull tym of day being biddin and detfull ordour vsit in sic caises being obseruit The grytest sovme offerit for the same

[1] *Cf.* XXIV. 87.

wes ane hundretht fourtie tua pound be Patrik Menzes for the keippis xxj*s*. for ilk vnce of siluer xvj*s*. for ilk stane of brass extending in the haill to the sovme of Fywe hundretht xl*li*. money of Scotland Quhairfor the haill toun consentit and assentit to deliuer the said siluer wark keippis bres and ornamentis contenit in the Invintor forsaid to the said Patrik of the prices forsaid And ordanis the money tharof to be deliuerit to the thesaurar to be applyit for the commond veill and necessar adois of this guid toun as the haill communitie sall think expedient.—XXIV. 339.[1]

16th March, 1561-2.

The baillies decernit Sir William Walcar to deliuer Patre Menzes as Thesaurar In name of the haill toun of Abirdene the geir and gwidis vnder wrytin That is to say ane croce of siluer the forclaytht of the hie alter four coddis of weluot tua blak and tua reid ane arress hed ane siluer spune the mort stand, and siclyk ordanis Gilbert Collysone to deliuer the said Patre the beriall within xxiiij. houris.—XXIV. 381.

8th May, 1562.

The said day the haill toun being convenit for the maist part within the tolbuyth be sound of the band bell representand the haill body of the toun consentit grantit and ordanit that the haill mony gotten for the siluer wark brassin wark keipis and ornamentis of thair parroche kirk being in the handis of Patrik Menzes thesaurar to the toun presentlie be disponit and applyit vpoun the biging and restauratioun of the peir and keyheid of the said burght and of the brig of done and of the arteilzery and munitioune perteining to the toun and the said money nor na part thairof to be applyit to na uther use. . . .—XXIV. 420.

12th March, 1562-3.

The baillies ordanis the four officiaris to pass with Sir Johnne Collysone collecter to the cheplanis of the parroche kirk of Abirdene And poynd and distrenze all the inhabitantis within this burght and freedome thairof for thair mallis few maillis and annuell rentis awand to thame of all zeiris and termes bigane conforme to our soverane ladeis letteris directit tharupoune And mak the saidis cheplanis to be payit without ony forther delay.—XXIV. 627.

[1] The purchase was made on behalf of the town. *Cf.* XXIV. 381.

5th May, 1564.

The said day anent the supplicatioun gewin in and presentit to the counsall of the said burgh be James Huntar dekyne for this zeir to the smyths and hemmermen of this burght desyrand commissioune to be grantit to thame to collect the annuelrentis proffeitis and emolumentis of the cheplanry of sanct eloy within the parroche kirk of Abirdene qlk thai allege was dotat and fundit be thair predecessoris craftismen forsaid now vacand be deces of Sir Johnne Goldsmytht last cheplane tharof To the effect that the saidis fruittis and annuelrentis of the said cheplanry ma be disponit and applyit to the support of the puir brether of thair craft quhill ane generall ordour be maid be the authorite in sic caisses And speciallie becaus the said Sir Johnne last cheplane tharof in his necessitie and indigence sauld and disponit sum euidentis and titillis of the said annuelrentis perteining to the said chaplanry to the heretable possessoris of the landis . . . Quhilk being considerit and vnderstand be the haill consell present for the maist part all in ane voce gaiff power mandat and commissioune In respect that thai ar patrownis to the said chaplanry to the said James Huntar deykine forsaid to collect and resaiff the emolumentis and annuelrentis of the said cheplanry alsweill of the landis quhairof thai haue annuellis be euidentis as be attentick vse and possessione in tyme bipast be ressone of the distructioune and delapidatioune of the titillis and euidentis thairof be the said wmquhill Sir Johnne Prowyding that qlk is collectit be distributit be the awyse of the said counsall. . . .—XXV. 270.

2nd October, 1564.

The said day the baillie chargit Margarat Schippert to pay Sir Johnn Collysoun as cheplane of Sanct Stewinis altar sumtym cituat within the paroche kirk of Abirdene the sowm of sax schillingis viij*d.* vsuall money of Scotland And that for ane zeirly annuelrent of ane land occupeit be hir lyand in the schipraw pertening to umquhill Alexr. Donaldson betuix the land of umquhill Androw Wryht on the south part the land of Thomas Blinschell on the northt part. . . .—XIII. 222.[1]

4th June, 1567.

The said day Thomas Menzeis, prowest Maister Robert Lumysden Maister George Myddeltoune Maister Thomas Finny Robert Menzes Johnne Tullydeff Dauid Andersone Dauid Indeacth and Androw Huntar quhilkis wer chosyn taxtaris obefoir be the communite of this gude tovne to stent ane taxatioune vpon the nychtbouris and inhabitantis thairof to be applyitt and disponitt on the

[1] This entry is bound up along with several others in the wrong volume.

beiting mending and reforming and menteining of thair parroche kirk and to considder and modify be the adwyse of maissonis wrychtis sklaitteris and discreit craftismen quhat speciale sowme of money was necessar and vald extend to performe and compleitt the said wark Being convenit within the counsel house of the tolbuytht of the said burght consultand diligentlie thairvpone with consent and adwise of the said craftismen modifiit and calculat the said sovme of taxatioune to allevin hundreicht merkis to be stentit in maner forsaid and applyitt as said is.—XXVI. 387.

12th January, 1572-3.

The said day it was dewysit statut and ordanit be the prowest bailleis counsell of this guid towne and ratefeit and approvit be the haill communitie convenit in their heid court for the maist pairt representand the haill bodey of the towne That the haill annuell rentis of the chepplanreis fundit within thair paroche kirk of Abirdeine quhilkis ar at the donatioune and dispositioune of this guid toune as patronis to the same with all croftis howsis bigginis few mailes and wther deweteis belangand thairto sall remain perpetualie efter the deceise of the chepplanis present possessouris of the same as eueir thai sall happin to inlaik rexive and successiue in the townis handis on disponit to sik chepplanis in tyme cuming But to be annexat gif sin and grantit vptakin and resauit zeirlie and perpetualie in all tymis cuming to the vpholding bigging beiting and repairing of thair said parroche kirk And be the tennour heirof giffis and grantis the same according to the fundationis and rentalis thairof to the wphalding of the said kirk and kirkwark and ane Just rentall and inuentar of the saidis annuell rentis to be maid in dew forme and registrat in the townis buikis to the effect forsaid And ratefeis approveis the act and statut maid thairvpoun obefoir sua that all the townis chepplanreis that hes vaikit sen the dait of the said statut salbe disponit to the wse and effect forsaid And attour deuysit and ordanit that the collectioun of the almes to the support of the puir folkis maid thir diueris zeiris laitlie bygane be changeit and the same collectioun to be maid and gatherit to the vphald of the said paroche kirk and delyuerit euery sounday as it is collectit to the Mr. of the kirkwark And that ewiry honest man baitht provest and bailleis without exceptioun ilk ane thair sounday about in ordour as thai stand collect the said support and quha that disobeyis to pay to the said Mr. [of] wark als mekill money as was collectit the sounday immediatlie obefoir onforgiffin conforme to the auld use and statutis maid obefoir thair anent. . . .—XXVII. 808.

19th August, 1575.

The said day Maister Johnne Kennedy procurator and generall collectour to

the cheplanis of the paroche kirk of Abirdene with consent and assent of Sir Johnne Collesoune Maister Eduard Mengzes Sir James Barclay Sir Johnne Blak and Sir Wilzeam Walcar his breither and cheplanis only on lyf of the queyr and college of the said burght comperit in presens of Thomas Mengzes of Petfoddellis prouest of the said burght and in presens of the ballies and haill consell of the samyn burght and thair ryplie aduysit with detfull deliberatioune resignit and geff our be ane penny as vse is in the handis of Robert Mengzes ane of the ballies of the said burght all and haill thair landis fishenigis mailis few mailis and annuell rentis quhat sumeuer pertenyng to thame in patrimonie and propertie liand within this burght and without the samyn in favouris of the prouest baillies consell and communitie of this burght thair successouris and assignais quhatsumeuir. Reseruand alwais the samyn to the saidis cheplanis during thair lyftymes. Provyding alwais that gif ony of the saidis cheplanis quhilkis now ar lewand happins to deceis that his part and pensioun of the saidis landis fischeingis mailis fewmailis and annuell rentis sall returne and remane with the saidis prowest ballies consell and communitie and thair assignais quhatsumeuir.—XXVIII. 542.[1]

2nd August, 1577.

Decree given in favour of Master Edward Menzes, collector and general procurator for the chaplains against John Gordon for the sum of ten merkis part of an annual rent of twelve merkis owing to the said chaplains from land on the north side of the Castlegate.—XXIX. 226.

The said day the haill toune being lauchfully warnit to this day be the hand bell to the effect vnder wretin. And being convenit for the maist part, It was exponit to thame be Gilbert Mengzes of Petfoddellis prouest quhow the northt Ile of thair paroche kirk is ruinows and abill to decay and quhow the same is alrady begvn to be beitit and mendit and leid bocht to performe and end the remanent gif the siluer culd be had to satifie and pay for the samyn. And the haill toun all in ane voce thocht expedient that the rest of the taxatioune devysit obefoir stentit and set for the mending beiting and repairing of the said kirk suld be vpliftit of all personis that ar restand awand the same to be applyit to the effect forsaid. . . .—XXIX. 226.

3rd September, 1859.

The said day the counsall . . . ordains Wm. Mengzes ballie to retein and keip the lockit buik conteining the infeftmentis and chartouris of the annuellis

[1] This resignation was reported to a Head Court of the burgesses held the same day, and they agreed that the rents of the chaplainries should be granted to the support of S. Thomas' Hospital. *Cf.* XXVIII. 543.

perteining to the chaplanreis of thair paroche kirk togidder with the buik of decreitis obteinit at the instance of the chaplanis agains diuersis personis occupearis of diuersis landis deliuerit to the said Wm. be Mr. Johne Kennedy ay and quhill ordor be takin be the counsall anent the evidentis deliuerit be Mr. Johne Kennedy to Alexander Cullan and Dauid Andersone on the annuellis and that the said Wm. be ansuerable to the counsall for the saidis tua buikis.—XXXII. 532.

11th January, 1593-4.

The said day the Prouest Bailleis and consall dischargit James Forbes off Tulliboy burgess of this burght off his compositoun off Tuentie merkis qlk he suld have payit to the last deane of gild for his burgeschip discharging Mr. Richard Irvyng last deane of gild off all waving or vplifting therof fra the said James Quhom thay Electit nominat and chesit collectour receaver and vptacker of the annuel rentis and feumaillis now belanging to this burgh qlkis obefoir pertenit to the cheplanis of Sanct Nicolas Paroche Kirk of the samen with power to him to call and persew quhatsumeuer personis addettit in the saidis annuellis and feumaillis befoir the prouest and bailleis of this burght and obtene decrettis theirvpon with the concurrence and aduyse off Andro Scherar collector last nominat to the samen. And the said James acceptit the said office In and vpon him and was sworne for faythfull administratioun therin. —XXXV. 193.

23rd July, 1596.

The said day the Prouest Bailleis and counsell . . . ordanit the haill carvit tymmerwark betuixt the pilleris in the queir to be removit and placit convenientlie quhair the same salbe thocht meit to be placed to the effect that ane stane wall may be biggit betuixt the said queir and the bodie of the kirk that the said queir may be maid ane preiching kirk for preching of the word of god and ministratioun of the socramentis with all convenient speid according to the ordinance of the haill town maid obefoir ordaining the queir to be decydit fra the kirk and maid ane new kirk to the effect forsaid.—XXXVI. 556.

22nd November, 1596.

The said day In presence of honorabill men Alexander Rutherfurd prowest and Mr. Alexander Cullen ane of the Bailleis of the burght of Abirdene comperit Thomas Murray burges of the said burght sone and air to umqll Andro Murray burges of the said burght and Renuncit and simplicter dimittit in the handis of the said prouest and baillie his richt and titill quhilk he as air to his said umqll father guidsire or ony vtheris his predeccessoris hes had or may pretend to have

to the altarage and cheplainrie of Sanct Saluator situat within S. Nicolas paroche kirk of Abirdene fundat be his predicessoris and of the patronage of the said altarage haill annuelrentis and emolumentis belangand theirto In favoris of the prouest bailleis counsall and communitie of the said burght To be Imployit and mortifeit be thame and vptackin ad pios vsue Sua that it salbe lesum to the saidis prouest Bailleis and counsall to vplift the annuelrentis and fewmaillis belangand theirto to the effect forsaid To be extendit in maist ampill forme of dimissioun quhairwpon Willeam Dwn dean of gild in name of the said toun of Abirdene tuik act of court and Instrument.—XXXVI. 657.

12th January, 1614.

The Quhilk day Maister Alexander Cullen gawe in and exhibit in presence of the prowest and baillies and counsall ane gift of the vicarage off Sanct Nicolas kirk of Aberdene with all and sindrie the fruictis oblationes and rentis thairof vsit and wount gewin be vmquill Willeame Gordoun Bischop off Aberdeine with consent of the Deane and Chapture thairof to the College of the Chaplenis of the said Sanct Nicolas kirk and thair successouris for sustentatioun of ane prouest to serue perpetuallie in the said kirk To be callit in all tyme thairefter ane prowestrie dated at Aberdeine 28th March 1540 subscrywit be the said Bischop Deane and chapture and gewin vnder thair seallis and subscriptioune of Maister Johne Gibsoun notar publict thair clerk and desyrit the said mortificatioun to be put amongis the Townis euidentis as ane euident speciallie belanging to the towne quhilk euident wes delywerit to the clerk to the effect forsaid.—XLVI. 546.

APPENDIX III.

EXTRACTS FROM THE KIRK AND BRIDGE WORK ACCOUNTS, 1571-1600.

CHARGE, 1571-1578.

Item, the Comptar chargis himself with the Sonday fysche and kirk mett off the zeris of god [15] sevinte ane, sevinte twa, sewinte thre, sevinte four, sevinte fyve, sevinte sex, sevinte sewin, and sevinte aucht zeris.

Videlicet, for the zeir of god sewinte ane received fra Gilbert Collison . . . . xxxiij*lib.* vj*s.* viij*d.*

Item, for sevintie tua fra James Ewin . . . . xxxiiij*lib.* xij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item, for sevinte thre fra Alex. Lyon . . . . xxxvj*lib.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item, for sevinte four fra Alex. Malyson . . . . . xxxiiij*lib.*

Item, for sevinte fyve fra Alex. Malyson . . . xxxiij*lib.* vj*s.* viij*d.*

Item, for sevinte sex fra Alex. Malyson . . . . . xxx*lib.*

Item, for sevinte sevin fra Alex. Malyson . . . . . xxx*lib.*

Item, for sevinte aucht fra Alex. Malyson . . . . . xl*lib.*

Item, with xiiij*lib.* xviij*d.* restand in the compteris handis of the collectioun at the kirk dur for the reparatioun of the Northt Ile of the kirk as the fut of the said compt subscriyuit be the auditouris the aucht of Januar, 1578 zeris . . . . . xiiij*lib.* xviij*d.*

DISCHARGE, 1571.

Item, in the 20 March payit to George Wischart for iiij. futtis of glass to the windo in the lady yill . . . . . . xij*s.*

Item, the 1 August payit to George Wischart for the mending of the stepill . . . . iiij*lib.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item, the 20 August to Master Patrik Rutherford for ane stane of spanze yrin to the towng of the gryt bell . . . . . ix*s.*

Item, to Johne Bay[t], smyth, for mending of the said towng . . . x*s.*

Item, for the making of ane pik to the kirk . . . . . vj*s.* viij*d.*

Item, the 10 October payit for ane daill to the storme wyndo in the yill quhair the communioun ves meinsterit . . . . vj*s*. viij*d*.
Item, for the sawing of the same . . . . xviij*d*.
Item, for his laboris in putting up the same . . . . . . v*s*.
Item, for nalis to the same . . . . xviij*d*.
Item, to Dawe Scheres, mason, for laying of sundry pay^t^ment in the body of the kirk . . . . vj*s*.

DISCHARGE, 1572.

Item, the 3 January payit for walkin of the kirk the tyme the lard Achindowne wes heir at his court of Justice . . . xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
Item, for candill the same tyme . . . . ix*s*.
Item, for the casting out the snaw out of the spowt betwin the kirkis . . . . iij*s*.
Item, for dichting and bering the snaw out of the north yill . . v*s*.
Item, the 10 June to ane sklaitter for the poynting of the sowth yill and Sanct Michaell yill and Sanct barbara yill. . . . vj*lib*.
Item, to Andrew Betholeme, mason, for the biggin half up the wyndois in the transe that passis to the stepill . . . . xl*s*.
Item, for ij. bollis lyme to hairill the said windois . . . viij*s*. vj*d*.
Item, to George Wischart for the putting of auld glass in new laidis and makin of the said windois . . . . xij*s*.
Item, to Androw Folay for glass bandis of aik . . . . . ij*s*.
Item, to Andrew Bethelome the 1 of July for mending and harling the wyndois in Sanct Barbara yill . . . . xx*s*.
Item, for vj. gryt fir sparis to be thre ledderis to the kirk . . . xv*s*.
Item, to George Wischart for the laying of the leid of Sanct Barbara yill and south syd of the queir that the wynd rasit . . . . xx*s*.
Item, to ane boy that wes send for George Wischart the same tyme quha wes in Buchane . . . . iij*s*.
Item, the 2 August to the said George for the mending of the sowtht syd of the body of the kirk the leid of the northt syd of the queir and communioun yill for all the haill . iiij*lib*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
Item, for ij. faldowme of ane tow to the gryt bell . . . . xxj*d*.
Item, for iij. faldowm of small tow to the knock . . . . xviij*d*.

DISCHARGE, 1572-3.

Item, the 6 March to George Wischart for the setting of fyve pannallis of glass of S. Awin that wes auld in new leid . . x*s*.
Item, the 3 July for walking of the kirk at the men of wairis passang to Swadin . . . . viij*s*.

Item, the said day to George Wischart for iij. fuittis of glass to the lady wyndo . . . . ix*s*.

Item, to ane man for the dichting of the styill aforganis the hospitall . . . . iiij*s*.

Item, to the caseymaker for the mending of the casey afoir Sanct Barbara Styill . . . . ij*s*.

Item, to Blakhall mason for the bigging of the dyik afoir the myll to the luige afoir Dauid Eduard payit for his uarkmanschip thereof . . . . ix*lib*.

DISCHARGE, 1574.

Item, to ane callit Fowlar for vij^c^ duwettis to put on the north yill . x*s*. vj*d*.

Item, to the said Fowlar for laying of the said duwettis on the yill . iiij*s*.

Item, the 24 Januar payit to Patrik Gray for 1 dosone of dalis to the queir wyndois . . . . iij*lib*. vj*s*.

Item, the 1 Februar for the mending and changing of the standart that holdis the bassing on the pulpett . . . . . . xviij*d*.

Item, the 16 Februar agreit with George Wischart for the tackin downe of the glass that wes in the mid wyndo of the queir and setting the same in new leid payit him therefor . xxvj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, the 1 Marche payit to the said George for xxij. fuittis of new glass of his awin to the said mid wyndo . . . . iij*lib*. vj*s*.

Item, the 8 Marche to Blackhall for the biggin up the sydwall of the hous aforgains Adame Marris with dry stane . . . ij*s*.

Item, to the said Blakhall the 2 September for the redding and dichting of the styill at Thomas Branche luige and the styll afoir David Endiacht . . . . viij*s*.

Item, the 2 October for the bering away the eird fra the syd wall of the north yill . . . . x*s*.

Item, the 1 November to Johne Craik, wreight, for the biggin of the stuill of repentanse . . . . xxx*s*.

Item, to Johne Malwing, payntor, for paynting of the said stuill of repentanse . . . . v*s*.

Item, the last of Januar to Jame Chalmer, wreicht, for the kesing of the wyndo in the chaptor and mending of the seittis . . xij*s*.

Item, to George Wischart for the mending of the haill wyndois in the cheptor . . . . xij*s*.

Item, the 4th Februar at the command of the bailzeis payit to Johne Craik for the sawing away of the forpart of the stallis in the queir . . . . xiiij*s*. vj*d*.

Item, to the pynoris for transporting of said forparts of the stallis and placing them in the body of the kirk and cheptor . . iij*s*.

Item, Sir Johne Blak for taking out the pypis of the organis and for ane caise to thame in . . . . xxx*s*.

Item, for the takin downe the caise of the organis . . . vij*s*. vj*d*.

DISCHARGE, 1575.

Item, the 20 May to Jeme Hay and Jeme Macke for fyve hundred barrowfull of stanis led to the west kirk dyik payit for the hunder xxx*s*. . . . . vij*lib*. x*s*.

Item, to Blakhall for the biggin of the said wast dyk . . . xvj*lib*.

Item, for bering sertane roicht stains out of the kirk to the said dyik xij*d*.

Item, to Johne Bay[t], smith, for mending of the towng of the gryt bell wt his awin yrin . . . . xxx*s*.

DISCHARGE, 1576.

Item, for ane corbell boicht fra Alex. Donaldson to the styill forgains the Hospetall . . . . xxiiij*s*.

Item, for ij. lockis to the twa chansell durris on ilk syd of the queir and mending of the loik of the queir dur . . . . . xviij*s*.

Item, till maister Johne Kennedy for letteris rasitt be him in the taxation grantit be the towne to the north yill . . . x*s*.

DISCHARGE, 1577.

Item, for oyill to the knok of the kirk . . . . iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, for ane hundre duvettis and laying on of the same quhair the laid is stollin betuix the kirkis . . . . . . iij*s*.

Item, for iij. fadome of ane gryt tow to lowrense . . . . iij*s*.

Item, for ij. fadome and ane half of tow to mare . . . . ij*s*. iiji*d*.

Item, for the mending of the lok of the stepill dur with key to the same . . . . iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, for mending of the seitt of the desk off mariage . . . xviij*d*.

Item, the deichting of the styill that passis to the greyn . . xvj*d*.

Item, to George Wischart for the laying downe of the leid that the gryt wind blew up . . . . xiij*lib*. vj*s*.

CHARGE, 1584-85-86.

The 15 October Nans Gray spous to Mr. Duncan Forbes bureit in the kirk [free] causit repair ane vyndok in Sanct Barbara yll on hir awin expenses.

The 29 August, 1585, Gauin Vyschert, cordiner, bureit fre be ressoune of his gud mynd geff support to the north yll to the thykin thairof with leid.

The 14 Januar, 1585-6, the counsall ordanit Dauid Andersoun to resaif and vptak for the sendays fyche of the fisching of the yeir of god 1586 as efter followis :—

Item, for ilk cavell of the Raik viij*lib.* summa . . . . . xvj*lib.*

Item, for ilk cavell of the Mydchingll v*lib.* summa . . . . x*lib.*

Item, for ilk cavell of the Pot iiij*lib.* summa . . . . . . viij*lib.*

Item, for ilk cavell of the Furdis iiij*lib.* summa . . . . . viij*lib.*

Summa of the haill charge of this foresaid twa zeris for Sonday Siluer [collections] lair siluer halidays fyche and Sanct Nicholas mett is . . . . iij^{c}iiij^{xx}xvij*lib.* xij*s.* iiij*d.*

DISCHARGE, 1584.

Item, for removing of the bak of the desk and desk yrof and settin vp of the sam to the est of the veddin kirk dur . . iij*s.*

Item, for dountakin of the myngzellis of the thre ald vyndokis in the south yll and for bering of the myngzellis to the voult . . iij*s.*

Item, for to dicht avay the zerd and girs that lay in Jesus yll and for to dicht the sputtis and butrisis yrof . . . . . iij*s.* vj*d.*

Item, to tak downe the ald vyndok and glas of the vyndok in the lady yll . . . . ij*s.*

Item, for the scutin of the angleris of Jesus yll for dountakin of the bak of the alter on the vest syd of the veddin kirk dur and for reformyn and vpsettin of the sam againe . . . . xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item, for to gaddir the stanis that left or the vark of the librar and for laing of tham to the kirk dyk . . . . iiij*s.* vj*d.*

Item, for to tak doun the gryt amrie callit the fardin that stud in the reuestrie and for settin vp of the sam againe in the yll . x*s.*

Item, payit Andro Jameson, messon, for mending of the wall in the reuestrie quhair the amrie stud . . . . . . vj*s.* viij*d.*

Item, to gaddir the benis of deid togidder out of the kirk and kirk zard and to bige tham vp betwix tua butrisis . . . . . ij*s.*

Item, to Andro Jameson, messon, for laing of certain payment in the sowth and north ylis of the kirk . . . . . . xxv*s.*

Item, for to carie away of yerd and grunmale out of the kirk qlk was lyan in middingis and haippis . . . . . . xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item, the 15 Januar for to mend the communioun burdis tressis and formis yrof . . . . iij*s.*

Item, for ane new lok to Jesus kirk . . . . xviij*s.*

Item, to remove and sett agane the deskis and settis besyd Andro Hunteris new desk and settin vp of the sam . . . . ij*s.*

Item, to tak away the zerd qlk was growan aboune the woult vyndokis of the reuestrie, and for to dycht away the zerd fra the north woult dur to hald oot vattir . . . . . . xs.

The 26 Appryll for makin of ane new glassin vyndok in the reuestrie and for mending of the vther tua vyndokis payit to George Vyschert . . . . xxvs.

Item, for berin the tymmer to be Jon Melvill skaffelin quhen he pantit the beleue in the kirk and berin again to the voult . xvj*d*.

Item, payit to Jon Mellin for pantin of the beleif and spargeing quhyt of the vyndok with spargeing quhyt off tua pilleris yranent . . . . xls.

Item, payt for to tyr of the sklettis of the weddin kirk dur and to carie them to the woult . . . . xviij*d*.

Item, for thre quartis of aill thre syndre days efter nown to hald the skletteris at yr wark and messons . . . . . . iiijs.

Item, for pyinin of the butrisis of Jesus yll and of sanct Mychellis yll and mending of the ragglin of the librar . . . . . iijs.

The 22 September payt to Jon Mellin for the pantin and wrettin of the twa tabillis aboune the weddin kirk dur . . . . iij*lib*.

Item, payt to Jon Melvill for painten of the orlag on the gevill of the veddin kirk dur with owll and the gold zron . . . . xvjs.

The 15 November payt to Alex. Reid. smyth, for reforming of ane band of sanct Barbara kirk dur . . . . . . xiijs. iij*d*.

The 16 December agreit with Andro Messon and Andro Bowak, messon, for fourtie pece of stenis to the twa decayit pilleris[1] in the kirk of sic lenth and breid according to the messor and indentor maid yron for the qlk thai sald haif x*lib*. Of the qlk I payt in hand at the makin of the Indentor . . . . v*lib*.

Item, for four ryngis and steppillis to the lecterouin in the librar . xij*d*.

Item, for mending of the lok of Sanct Martyn kirk dur . . . . xij*d*.

The 2 Fabruar boyt ane bassin[2] and ane laar of tyn to the kirk cost . . . . iij*lib*. xiijs. iiij*d*.

The 11 Appryll [1586] Andro Myll wryt enterit to the kirk wark and tua seruandis with him and wroyt sevin vark days togidder zrefter ane servaund passit away. The said Andro remanit with

[1] On the margin—"The mending of the twa decayit pilleris in the suth kirk anent the suth kirk dur".

[2] On the margin—"Boyt ane bassin and laar to the babtisne in the kirk".

the vther seraund and wroyt yreftir fourtene vark days . . . ilk day to ilk man for mett and fee vj*s*. viij*d*. is in all xvj*lib*. vj*s*. viij*d*.

In this tym of vark thai reformit the ald sett and sett it vp in the rud loft maid the new desk and dur yrof to the kyngis grace sett maid the new stule of repentence maid ane new kase to ane vyndok in the lady Ill mendit certan deskis in the kirk, and wroyt the bak of the rud loft and clethit the same.

Item, for rydling and myxin the lym that sett the provest yll and berin of watter to the same . . . . ij*s*.

Item, for sevin leid of sand to the same . . ' . . . . ij*s*. iiij*d*.

The 13 day of May complit and payit George Vyschert for ten days vark in sanct barbara yll, &c. . . . iij*lib*. vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, his sone Vm. Vyschert vreyt with him four days and payit to him for his meitt and fee . . . . xx*s*.

The alevint day of Julij agreit wt Andro Barclay, skletter, to point the est syd of the lady yll to mend the wast syd yrof and to mene the faltis of the south yll on ilk syd for all . . . xlv*s*.

The 12 Julij payit to Alex. Smyth for makin of the plett of yirn with twa boltis to put in the stein to the orlag on the vest gevill of the kirk . . . . vij*s*.

Item, payt to Andro Jameson for hewin of the jammes of ane entres in the kirk yerd to resaif hors with carts and crellis . . xvj*s*.

The 20 September payt to Andro Jameson for hewing and laing of twa steins in the rund garland aboue quhair the ald organis stud . . . . vj*s*. viij*d*.

The 21 September payt to Jon Melvill for the pantin of the tabill aboue the north kirk dur . . . . xx*s*.

The 16 October payt to Jon Melvill for settin with lym the vall aboue the heich vyndokis on ilk syd of the rud loft and for spargeing quhyt of the north syd of the rud loft and also for makin quhyt of the turne of the pulpett . . . . . xx*s*.

The 1 March [1584-5] I Dauid Andersoun becom actit in our baillie court buikis to Johne Vilson burges of Montrois at the command of the prowest ballies and counsell of this burgh to pay and delyur to the said Jon Vilson the sum of ane hundreth merkis monie for his tytill entres and kyndnes he hade or myt haif to the hous callit the luge of the kirk on the kirk dyk the qlk sowm is payit be the said Dauid the said act

deleit in the buikis and ane act of discharg heiron Jon Vilson maid resignatioun of the said luge the said ferst of Merch 1584 and the nynt day of merche instant the said Dauid Mr. of the kirk vark resanit possessioun of the said hous and luge to remane perpetuale wt the vse of the kirk . . iijxxvj*lib.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

DISCHARGE, 1586-87.

Item, to Dauid Symsoune to ryn to Elgin to my lord Huntlie wt ane bill anent the freris landis at the command of the counsall xiiij*s.*

The 3 July [1587] agreit with Jon Mellin pantor for paintin of the bak of the rud loft in tapessene vark and to set the south piller with lym and makin quhyt of the same, and to mak quhyt the pillar at the bak of kyngis sett for the sowm of . iiij*lib.*

The 4 July causit mak ane plett yrn to the horlog on the est gevill of the kirk payt for it . . . . iij*s.* iiij*d.*

The 4 November appointit with James Maler to big ane lytill hous in the kirk yard quhair the sang skull was to Andro Martin that kepit the kirk dur payt him . . . . xv*s.*

Item, 11 November payt to Andro Jameson messon to fyll certan hollis in the vall on the ladie yll to harll and pyn ane pec vall in the same yll to be set with lym on the lard Drums expensis . . . . vj*s.* viij*d.*

The 12 November appointit with Alex. Alschener skletter to theyk the vast gevill of the north yll of the kirk with sklettis payt to him for sklettis and warkmanschip . . . xxxvj*s.* viij*d.*

The 27 November payt for the careing of certan fre stenis to the kirk yard fra the schoir qlk Jon Vatsoun messoun boyt to repair the pilleris in the kirk[1] . . . . xxiiij*s.*

The 1 January [1587-8] appointit with George Vyschert and his soun to mend the thak and leid of the kirk qlk was blawin vp the ill vynde nyt the xx. of December 1587 and also to theyk the plais quhair the vyndok vas tein doun on Jesus yll and to mend vther faltis for . . . . vj*lib.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item, payt Samson Fabran for ane pec aiken plank to be the dur to the loft of Sanct Michaellis yll . . . . x*s.*

Item, for berin of ane ald tre fra the bow brig to the kirk qrof I causit mak ane sett in the kirk . . . . xvj*d.*

[1] On the margin—"the pilleris at the vast gevill of the ald kirk and pend yrof was mendit and helpit be Jon Messon in 1588 yeris".

The 12 July [1588] payt to Georg Vyschert for the mending of ane vyndok in the south trans qlk vas blawin doun be the gryt vynd . . . . vj*s*. viij*d*.

The 24 July agreit with George Vyschart and his sone to repair and mak the heiddis of the suthest and northest vyndokis in the est gevill of the quier with thre pannellis mair in the northest vyndok . . . . iiij*lib*. xvj*s*.

Item, payt to Jon Mellin for paintin of the suth syd of the suth wast piller of the kirk . . . . xxxiij*s*. iiij*d*.

DISCHARGE, 1588-90.

The 18 of April [1589] the kingis grace com to Abd to seik the zeirlis of Huntle and Erroll, for dychtin the red of the kirk . ij*s*.

Item, for ane pair of quhyt handis to the dur of the kyngis sett[1] . viij*s*.

The 3 June causit tak doun the tabill steinis on the vast syd of Sanct Mychallis yll qlk vas lyk to fall and causit lay tham in the voult payt . . . . xx*d*.

The 4 of Julii heirefter at the kyng's grace cumin till Abirdeen I causit Andro Myll vryht mend the brokin deskis in the kirk, and pat on tua dellis in the spout onder the leid qlk was ane days vark to himself and his man payt . . . . xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, payt to Jon Mellin pantour for paintin of sum ressons on the vall of the north yll in the kirk at the desyr of the minister vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, payt to Jon Mellin for paintin of the piller that passis to the rud loft and for the ressouns theiron writtin . . . xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

The xj. day of September heirefter appointed with Andro Barclay skletter to tyr of the sklettis of the vast syd of the hous callit the kirk lug and to repair and theik the est syd of the said lug for the sowm of . . . . iiij*li*.

Item, for mending of the vyndues of the knok of the kirk . . xl*d*.

Item, payt for clay to mend the clay wall betuix the hussis in the kirk lug and to James Cay for the claying of the wall and mending of it . . . . viij*s*.

The last day of December heirefter the counsall ordanit the Mr. of the kirk wark and brig wark to pay to Mr. Dauid Cuningham bischop of Aberdene for his feu dewete of Ardlair restand awand to him the space of twelf yeris and half bygane—ilk yer tua merkis as the few chartor beris . . . . xvj*li*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

[1] On the margin—" The last of Appryll the kyng departit to the suth ".

The 10 of Januar [1590] payt to Andro Jameson for laying of certan pavement betuix tua pilleris and certan pavement in the cordinaris yll . . . . xv*s.*

Item, Mr. Alex. Cheyn commisar borrowit the kirk cradill, for hambringin again . . . . ij*s.*

The 20 of Januar appointit Mr. Andro Myll vryht for to mak the back of the desk in the Menzes yll for . . . . . . vj*li.*

Item, for the makin of ane new sett to the desk that was brought out of the Grayfreris kirk and settin up of tua settis at the vast gevill of the kirk and for mending and laying of communioun burdis and formes theirof . . . . . xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Item, for ane nek lok to the turne dur of the stepill with tua keys to the sam ane key to Norie to ring the bellis, ane vther key to the man that rewlis the knok . . . . x*s.*

Item, for ane new lok to the loft dur aboue the bellis, and for ane new key to ane pleit lok vpoune the chancellar dur that passis to the cessioun hous . . . . x*s.*

The 24 of Appryll [1590] bought twa ellis of lyning cleyth to be ane towall to lay onder the basson at the tym of the babtisin of the bernis cost . . . . xij*s.*

Item, for four hankis of birgis threid to mak frengzes to the towall . ij*s.*

Item, for makin of the frengzes and sewin of it about with Inglis suk . . . . v*s.*

The 26 of Junii agrit with Jon Mellin paintor to paint the tabill in the sowth yll qlk conteins the belief and was spilt with the weit . . . . iij*s.* iiij*d.*

DISCHARGE, 1590-91.

The saxt of Nouember heirefter the counsall ordanit the Mr. of the kirk wark to find candill and lychtis to the kirk this winter following, began the said day and conteneuit with lychtis to the first day of Fabruar heirefter qlk was threttin weekis payt ilk week to Alex. Rolland sacristar sax schillingis summa iij*li.* xviij*s.*

The last day of Nouember causit Andro Myll Myth mak ane new forme of his auin tymmer to the kirk qlk is in the Rudloft pait to him for the sam . . . . xv*s.*

The 11 of December the counsall boyt ane bybill buk to serve in the kirk, qlk the reder Walter Cullen occupeis and the said day ordanit the Mr. of the kirk wark to pay for the sam as the act maid heron beris . . . . iiij*li.*

Item, the 1 of Fabruar [1591] appointit and agreit with Andro Jamesoun messoun to big ane pece wall to ane passag qlk comis to the kirk yard betuix the kirk luge and Alex. Alscheneris hous to tak doun ane part of the syd wall of the said luge qlk was decayin on the est syd yrof and to big up the same againe To big up ane pece of the kirk yard dyk at the suthest styll qlk was fallin doun, and to big ane pece wall for to hald out the watter fra the vout [vault] of the kirk befoir the dur yrof and to harle the haill that is reparit with lym paytt for all . . . . v*li*. vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, on Sonday the sevint of Fabruar the communioun begane to be ministrat and contenvit thre sondays, thair was disponit of Wyn fyff gallonis and saxten breid qlk extendis to . . xij*li*. viij*s*.

The said day [14 April] at the command of the counsell boyth and delyerit to Wm. Ortoun servand onder the sacristar and keper of the kirk dur fyw ellis thre quarteris and half quarter of blew carsay to be him clathis cost the eln xiiij*s*. summa . . iiij*li*. ij*s*. iij*d*.

Item, for makin of Jup breikis and short hois . . . . . vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, mair payit to Jon Mellin for the reformyn of Fyffe and Rouillis armes with som vther small turnis by conditioun . . . xl*s*.

DISCHARGE, 1591-92.

The 20 of Nouember convenit with Jon Mellin pantor to sett with lym the allegit cordinaris Ill to lay it quhyt, and for the paintin of tua tabillis with skyptor thairon for . . vj*li*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, to his boy . . . . xvj*d*.

Item, yreftir the minister causit paint tua billis on the gevill yrof . v*s*.

Item, for sax leid clay fra the tyld burne . . . . . . iiij*s*.

The 1 of March [1592] the counsall ordanit the Mr. of the kirk wark to furneiss breid and wyn to the communioun sa oft as it is ministrat in the kirk. On thurisday the secund of Merche certan merchandis and marineris being boune to the see, communicat this day, was spendit ane point wyn and ane breid . . . . viij*s*. iiij*d*.

On Sonday the fyft of Merche the communioun was ministrat to ane part of the toun, spendit sax quarteris wyn and four breid summa is . . . . viij*li*. ij*s*. iij*d*.

On Sonday the xij. of merch the communioun was ministrat to the rest of the toun and was spendit alevin quartis wyn and sevin breid, summa is . . . . vij*li*. xj*s*. iiij*d*.

The said day [29 April] causit Dauid Anderson wryth mak ane dowbill sett in the kirk to the bernis of the sang skoull, for his warkmanschip . . . . vj*s*. viij*d*.

The aucht of May conuenit wt Alexr. Raine skletter to mend and point the suth and north Ilis callit the ladie Ill and Sanctt Mychellis Ill for . . . . xlvj*s*. viij*d*.

The 3 of Junii Alexr. Cullen provest agreit with Andro Jameson messone for to repair the eist syd of the lytill bowbrig besyd the hospitall in the neddirkirkgate to fynd warkmanschip and roche stanis to the sam for the sum of . . . . viij*li*.

The secund of August comptit with Jon Mellin paintor for his warkmanschip and culloris to say for the makin quhyt and settin with lym of the pillar in the myd kirk onder the stepill and laing quhyt the bak of the rud loft, for settin aboue the settis in the suthwast part of the suth Ill and makin gray yron in maner of astler wark for makin quhyt of the est gevill of the suth Ill above the thregreisor settis, and the wrethin with owill off the billis to say to keip the memorie of Fyffe Roull and provest Dauidson payt in all . . . . . iij*li*. vj*s*. viij*d*.

Item, convenit with Andro Jameson messon to hew certan tabill steynis to the gevillis of sanct Michallis Ill and to put on the sam for the sowm of ten merkis payt heirof . . . . xl*s*.

DISCHARGE, 1591-92.

The 20 of Nouember [1591] convenit with Jon Mellin pantor to sett with lym the allegit cordinaris Ill to lay it quhyt, and for the paintin of twa tabillis with skyptor thairon for. vj*lib*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, therefter the minister causit paint tua billis on gevill therof . v*s*.

The tent day of December the counsall ordanit the Mr. Vark to find candill to the kirk induring the tym of this vynter according to his discretioun and comptit with Alexr. Rolland sacristar the saxt of Februar the candill that war spendit extendit to . iij*lib*. x*s*.

The first of March heirefter the counsall ordanit the Mr. of the kirk wark to furneiss breid and wyn to the communioun sa oft as it is ministrat in our kirk. On thurisday the second of Merche certan merchandis and marineris being boune to the see communicat this day was spendit ane point wyn and ane breid viij*s*. iiij*d*.

On Sunday the fyft of Merche heirefter the communioun was ministrat to ane part of the toun, spendit sax quartis wyn and four breid summa is . . . . . . iiij*lib*. ij*s*. viij*d*.

On Sunday the xij. of Merche the communioun was ministrat to the rest of the toun and was spendit alevin quartis vyn and sevin breid summa is . . . . vij*lib.* xj*s.* iiij*d.*

The xxix. of Appryll causit Dauid Anderson wrytht mak ane dowbill sett in the kirk to the bernis of the sang skoull for his varkmanschip . . . . vj*s.* viij*d.*

The aucht of May conuenit uith Alexr. Raine skletter to mend and point the suth and north Ilis callit the ladie Ill and Sanctt Mychellis Ill for . . . . xlvj*s.* viij*d.*

The third of Junii heirefter Alexr. Cullen provest agreit with Andro Jameson messone for to repair est syd of the lytill bowbrig besyd the hospitall in the neddirkirkgett to fynd warkmanschip and roche stanis to the same for the soum of aucht pundis of the qlk Alexr. Cullen payt xl*s.* And vpoune the xxj. day of Junij heirefter the Mr. kirkwark was ordenit be the counsell to pay the rest of this sum to the said Androw qlk is vj*lib.*

Mair payt for makin of the centreis to the brig . . . . . vj*s.* iiij*d.*

The secund of August heirefter comptit with Jon Mellin painter for his warkmanschip and culloris, to sam for the makin quhyt and settin with lyme of the piller in the mydkirk onder the stepill and laing quhyt of the bak of the rud loft, for settin aboue the settis in the suthvast part of the suth Ill and makin grey theron in maner of astler wark, for makin quhyt of the est gevill of the suth Ill aboue the grisor (?) settis, and the wrettin with ouill of the billis to sam to keip the memorie of Fyffe Roull and provost Dauidson payt in all . iij*lib.* vj*s.* viij*d.*

The last of September boyt fra Rot. Watson threttie sax pece of aikin tymmer to the support of the Ill callit Sanct Barbara Ill Ilk pece xl*s.* summa . . . . iij*scoir*, xij*lib.*

Discharge, 1592-93.

The 17 October Andro Forbes glassinwright reparit the vast glassin vyndok of the librar in the kirk with his awin glass payt to him . . . . xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

The 11 December qlk vas Mononday Andro Jameson Jon Ros his seruand and Alex. Vysman his prentis enterit to tak vp the ald paytment and begane to lay agane at the blew laar steyn callit Jon Murray steyn and procedit with the ald and new paytment to the vast gevill qrvpoune thai war in correcting and laing the ald paytment stenis besyd the new nyn days payt ilk day for their meitt and fee saxteen *s.* aucht *d.* qlk is . vij*lib.* x*s.*

Item, geff the messons ilk day efter nown to byd at the vark ane quart aill becaus the day vas schort, qlk is nyn quartis aill in siluer . . . . xl*s*.

Item, payt for vptakin of ane ald toum in the kirkyard and for berin of it In to the kirk . . . . ij*s*.

The 15 of Appryll [1593] causit Andro Myll vrytht mak ane new mvld with messoris and strakis therto, and ane new pakott to the sam to cast the kirk leid to agre with the chak leid vpone the kirk, and also causit him mak ane trevis of tymer qlk is sett in the kirk yard for to keip the deiddis bonnis in ordour payt for the varkmanschip heirof and sawin of the tymmer . . . . iij*lib*. x*s*.

Item, to Wm. Fyndlay for the gatherin of the deiddis benis in kirk and kirkyard and for laing the benis in the trevis, for mending of the pit of clay qrin we melt or leid . . . . . . x*s*.

DISCHARGE, 1593-94.

Item, payt to four varkmen for the berin of sertan gryt stenis fra the place where the ald sang skoull vas, and for berin of ane gryt corball tre qlk lyis on the brig onder the lang blew steyn and for help to lay the lang steyn . . . . . xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

The 27 May convenit and agreit with Alexr. Anderson vrycht to wyrk the wrycht wark of the suthest Ill of the kirk to pay to him and servand Ilk owk he vroycht fyw pundis monie, and ther efter nowns drynk, that is ilk day to him self and to his man for mett and fee, saxten *s*. aucht *d*. . . . . .

The 1 day of Junii Alexr. Anderson vrycht and his servand enterit to the wark, and began and tuik doun the half of the ald cupillis of the Ill sa far as was tyrrit be Dauid Anderson, and thai wroyth in this owk fywe days payt . iiij*lib*. iij*s*. iiij*d*.

DISCHARGE, 1594-95.

The saxt of December agreit with Alexr. Anderson vrycht to mak ane new styll of tymmer to the suthest part of the kirkyard for his varkmanschip . . . . iij*s*. iiij*d*.

The xx. of December payt be Jon Thome to Adam Gordon for his mertymes termes dewetie 1594 for vaittin on the kirk knok . . . . iij*lib*.

The 15 of Junii payt to Adam Gordon for the dichtin of the kirk knok and settin vp of the half our, and makin of the weris to the same . . . . iiij*lib*. v*s*.

The 8 of September agreit with Thomas Ranye skletter to leddir the kirk to mend the faltis on the futthe kirk, on the ladie Ill and on Sanct Mychaelis Ill for . . . . xl*s*.

Discharge, 1595-96.

The aucht day of October heirefter the counsall grantit and ordaint the Mr. vark to gratefie Dauid Anderson plummer for his revard off his vark and travellis maid be him of the theikis of the suthest Ill with leid for the qlk gratitud payt . . . xxx*lib*.

The said day and tym the counsall grantit siclyk to gyff to Alexr. Anderson wrycht for his revard of makin the ruff to the sam Ill and ordanit the Mr. vark to pay . . . . . . x*lib*.

And to his servand for his drink siluer . . . . . xx*s*.

The first of Januar [1596] comptit and rekinit with Gilbt. Barnis sacristar for the kirk lychtis this haill vynter. In 1595, quha began to mak the lychtis in the kirk on Mononday the third day of nowember 1595 to the first day of Janwar heirefter qlk complittit threttin owkis and for every ouk for candill ten schillingis summa is . . . . vj*lib*. x*s*.

Item, payt to the varkmen to help to lift the blew steyn callit the Leisles steyn qlk vas sounkyn . . . . iij*s*. iiij*d*.

The xxvj. of Merche agreit with Dauid Anderson plummer for raising and settin agane of the grytt bell In hir awin place, and for the castyn of hir roddis new again in breiss and for four pund veycht of breiss mair nor the ald roddis veycht efter thai var new cassin for . . . . x*lib*. in all.

Discharge, 1597-98.

The 22 of December causit Robert Smyth mak twa new boltis of yrn to ben the barres of the suthest gevill vindok in the queir payt . . . . vj*s*. viij*d*.

The 1 of Februar [1598] appointit with Nicholl Mellin glassinvrght to repair the vyndok callit coplane vyndok to put in thre pannellis of glass in the hiche vyndokis aboue the new thak of the suth Ill to mend and repair the vyndokis of the sessioun house onder and aboue and to mend certan vther holis and faltis in the vyndokis In all payt . . . . v*lib*.

The xxv. of Appryll payt to Alexr. Reid smyth for the lang cheyngze maid to the new herse for the new kirk qlk veych tua steyn veycht and half pund mair . . . . v*lib*. iiij*s*.

Item, for the dichtin of the veydis and girss out of the stenis of the vallis off the kirk . . . . iij*s*. iiij*d*.

DISCHARGE, 1598-99.

The iiij. of October at the desyr off Mr. Gilbert Gray principall of our new college and be command off the magistrattis, I causit Alexr. Anderson wrycht to mak ane bak off auld tymmer In our auld kirk with certan formes in the sam, that the principall his regentis and bernis off the said new college mycht sit togidder at the preching on Sonday or vyther preching days. The said Alexr. vrocht theratt four days and half day, Ilk day for himself and his servand fyften *s*. summa . . . . iij*lib*. vij*s*. vj*d*.

The fyft of October causit Andro Jameson with his servand and barrowman entir and repair the est passag callit the ministeris styll, byggit the same new wreycht theratt thre days for ther meit and fee . . . . xlviij*s*.

Payt for drink efternewn salang as thai vrocht . . . viij*s*.

Item, payt for ane pair bandis and ane pleitt lok to the new pulpet amre in the new kirk . . . . xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, boycht tua sand glessis cost to the tua kirkis . . . xiiij*s*.

On Sonday the fourt of Merche 1599 the communioun vas ministrat in the new kirk be Mr. Peter Blakburn vas spendit this alevin quartis vyn Ilk point wyn stand of breid saxten *s*. summa . . . . x*lib*. xiij*s*.

On Sonday the alevint of Merche the communion was ministrat in the ald kirk be Mr. Peter and was spendit this day twentie four quartis vyn Ilk quart saxten *s*. and for breid twentie four *s*. summa is . . . . xx*lib*. viij*s*.

The last of Junii comptit payt and satisfeit Johnne Mellin paintor for the pantin of four tabillis, paintin off twa lytill tabillis and the blak vark, all laid with owill for his owill colloris and travellis in all . . . . xvj*lib*.

To his boy iij*s*. for pettis is xvj*d*. is . . . . . iiij*s*. iiij*d*.

DISCHARGE, 1599-1600.

Item, payt for ten faddome cordis to hang ane herse in the kirk . xl*d*.

Item, the 19 of Januar comptit with Andro Jameson messone for the hewin and laing of twentie and twa scoir futtis of paytment stenis laid in ladie Ill for Ilk futt hewin laing squarin aucht *d*. summa is . . . . xiiij*lib*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, payt four warkmen that helpit Andro Jameson to lay the twa gryt laar stenis in the ladie Ill . . . . viij*s*.

Item, payt for vpputtin the sawin tymer on the stepill to dry—and for doune takin agane to be wroycht . . . . . . viij*s*.

Item, payt to Nicholl Mellin for the drawin of the dray^t^tis and the armes in the vniest thre pannellis of the new desk . . . vij*s*.

Item, was payt for the morning and efternouns drynk and breid the tym of the makin of the mariage desk qlk was the space of twentie sevin days Ilk day to thre men fyve *s*. four *d*. summa vij*lib*. iiij*s*.

The fourt day of Appryll compleitle payt for the warkmanschip off the mariag desk in all . . . . xxxvj*lib*. vj*s*. viij*d*.

The aucht of Appryll boycht to my vin servand thre ellis and half of gray krusie cleyth to be coit and breik for his travallis and gangin my erandis in the kirk turnis cost . . . . . lij*s*.

Item, causit Wm. Ortone to dicht the veiddis out of the vallis round about the kirk geff him . . . . iij*s*.

Item, payt to Sande Forbes for ane breid flag steyn qrof is maid ane brig over the burne besyd the vnermyll where the minister passis . . . . viij*s*.

Item, payt to Alexr. Reid smyth for ane new key to the suth dur of the new kirk qlk vas stollin and for mending the lok yrof xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Item, payt for mending of the Menzes vyndok qlk vas brokin be ane doge that passit throw the sam . . . . . . xij*s*. vj*d*.

APPENDIX IV.

ON THE MASSES SPECIALLY REFERRED TO IN THE CHARTULARY.

It is very improbable that the services in the Church of S. Nicholas ever followed that ancient Celtic rite which, in the latter half of the Eleventh Century, S. Margaret found in use in various parts of her husband's kingdom, and which her biographer, Turgot, stigmatises as "barbarous" and "contrary to the custom of the whole Church". Turgot tells how "the Queen, kindled with God's zeal, so laboured to destroy (these rites) and bring them to nothing, that henceforth there appeared no one in the whole race of the Scots who dared to do such a thing":[1] nevertheless, it would appear from an entry in the Register of S. Andrews that so late as 1140 the Culdees of the Metropolitan city, though banished from the Altar of S. Andrew, continued to celebrate in a corner of the tiny church of S. Regulus "an office of their own in their own manner".[2]

But the Church of S. Nicholas, whatever its predecessors may have been, was itself, as its architecture shows, a product of the Anglicising reformation introduced by S. Margaret; and we may confidently assume that, under the same influences, its services from its foundation were modelled very closely on the Roman type.

There was, however, as yet no absolute uniformity (such as the invention of printing and increased facilities of international intercourse made possible at a later period) in the copies of the Roman service-books. Bishops, moreover, not only claimed, but exercised to some extent the right of ordering the ceremonial of their dioceses. Particular usages obtained at particular places. In France there was great variety. In England, at the time of the Reformation, there existed

[1] *Vita S. Margaretæ;* quoted by Grub, i. 196. There is reason to think that this rite, however barbarously performed in the barbarous Scotland of the time, belonged to a very noble family of Liturgies, that known as the Hispano-Gallican.

[2] *History of the Foundation of the Church of S. Andrews;* quoted by Grub, i. 240.

a not inconsiderable diversity of use. "Heretofore," say the writers of the Preface *Concerning the Service of the Church* in the *Book of Common Prayer*, "there hath been great diversity in saying and singing in Churches within this Realm; some following *Salisbury* use, some *Hereford* use, and some the use of *Bangor*, some of *York*, some of *Lincoln*; now from henceforth all the whole Realm shall have but one use." All the "Uses" here referred to belonged to the "Roman Family" of Liturgies; and though each had its beauties and peculiarities, only one, that of Salisbury, or Sarum, possesses a character sufficiently distinct to entitle it to rank as a separate Liturgy.[1]

Drawn up by S. Osmund, who held the See of Salisbury from 1078 to 1099, the Use of Sarum was very soon accepted throughout the greater part of England, Wales, and Ireland: even the distant diocese of Lisbon[2] adopted it, perhaps on account of the deliverance of that city largely through English arms from its bondage to the Moor, and that alliance with England which became the traditional policy of the Kings of Portugal. In Scotland, the usages of Sarum were formally adopted at Glasgow, by Bishop Herbert (1147 to 1164).[3] In 1242 it was decreed by the Bishop (Andrew de Moray), Dean and Chapter of Moray, that in the Cathedral of Elgin "in the Divine Offices, in psalm, legend, and singing, and in other things belonging to the worship of God, the Order which it is known has been instituted in the Church of Salisbury be observed".[4] In 1249 a similar resolution was taken at Dunkeld; and ere long the whole of Scotland seems to have followed Salisbury Use.[5] There is no reason for thinking that the Church of S. Nicholas was an exception.

But influences began to work tending to that alienation between the Churches of England and of Scotland which unhappily continues to the present day. There were the claims of the Archbishop of York to supremacy over the

[1] See Hammond, *Liturgies Eastern and Western*, p. 24. "In all essentials," however, the Sarum "is the same as the Roman *Ordo*; and no doctrinal bias can be discovered in the variations, although here and there perhaps there are indications of a little less sharp definition". Bp. A. Forbes, Preface to Arbuthnott Missal, p. 60.

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 59.

[3] "Of the Salisbury Liturgy used in Scotland," by Thomas Innes. *Miscellany of the Spalding Club*, ii. 364.

[4] *Registrum Episcopatus Moraviensis*, p. 109. Bp. Andrew Moray was the founder, in 1224, of Elgin Cathedral, the choir of which, at the time of his death, in 1242, was so far advanced that he was buried in it.

[5] "In a word, all the Scots Missals or Breviaries I ever saw (and I believe I have seen most of them that escaped our Reformers' burning zeal) are *secundum usum* Sarum." Thomas Innes, "Of the Salisbury Liturgy used in Scotland," *Miscel. Spalding Club*, ii. 364.

Scottish bishops. There were the claims of Edward I., arrogant in themselves and relentlessly enforced, to supremacy over the Scottish crown. There was the long War of Independence. There were the disgraceful struggles between Popes and Anti-popes—struggles in which the Churches of Scotland and of England were ranged on opposite sides. This latter difference, which virtually barred against Scottish students the gates of Oxford and of Cambridge, had not a little to do with the founding of the Scottish Universities. A striking evidence of the estrangement which existed between the two Churches for nearly three hundred years before the Reformation, may be read in the entire divergence which at the beginning of this period becomes at once observable in the ecclesiastical architecture of the two countries. Down to the end of the Thirteenth Century, Scottish ecclesiastical architecture closely follows in its successive developments the ecclesiastical architecture of England: *after* the War of Independence its course is altogether different. We find traces on our churches and cathedrals of French and of Flemish influence, and even, at Roslin, of Portuguese, but none whatever, after that date, of English influence. We have no Perpendicular in Scotland.[1]

The same spirit began to show itself in the ritual of the Scottish Church. A prejudice arose against the Use of Salisbury: a prejudice not based on doctrinal, but solely (it would seem) on national antipathies. It is probably to the influence of this feeling that we are to ascribe the (otherwise unaccountable) assertion of Harry the Minstrel that the Usages of Sarum were first introduced into Scotland by Edward I., who, in his devastations in the year 1292, caused all the service-books of the Church of Rome to be collected and destroyed, and by force constrained the Sarum ritual to be adopted:—

> "The Bischoppis all inclynit to his Crown,
> Baith Temporal and the Religioun.
> The Romane buikis that thar wer in Scotland,
> He gart thame beir to Scone, quhair thay thame fand,
> And, but redeme, thay brynt thame all ilk ane:
> Salisbery Use, our Clerkis than hes tane."[2]

Hector Boece, in his *History*, tells us in like manner that "He" (Edward I.) "ordered the sacred books to be written according to the English rite, and issued an edict that these alone should be in use": his translator, Bellenden, in face of the entry in the Register of his own Cathedral,[3] adopts the statement of

[1] There is one Perpendicular window in the clerestory of Melrose.

[2] *Acts of Sir William Wallace*, xi. 7. Quoted by David Laing, Preface to the Breviary of Aberdeen, p. ix.; and by Bp. A. P. Forbes, Preface to the Arbuthnott Missal, p. lxii.

[3] Bellenden was Archdeacon of Moray.

Blind Harry: "He brint all the Cronikles of Scotland, with all maner of bukis, als weill of devine service as of othir materis. . . . He gart the Scottis write bukis eftir the use of Sarum, and constrained thaim to say eftir that use."[1] These statements, as was shown by Thomas Innes, are historically false. The Use of Sarum, so far from being brought into Scotland by the compulsion of Edward I., had "been previously adopted *proprio motu* by our own Bishops at the earnest request of their Canons and Chapters". But, though historically false, these passages reflect the feeling of the age of those who made them (*circ.* 1460-1560). There was a dissatisfaction on national grounds with the Use of Sarum—a dissatisfaction which led, in 1509-10, to the issue by Bishop Elphinstone and his *collaborateurs* of the Aberdeen Breviary. The intention was to supersede entirely the Use of Sarum throughout Scotland. On this point the language of the grant made on the 15th of September, 1507, by James IV. to Walter Chepman and Andrew Myllar, the printers of the Breviary, is conclusive. The printers receive exclusive privileges for "imprenting within our Realme of the bukis of our Lawis, Actis of Parliament, Croniclis, Mess bukis and Portuus[2] *efter the use of our Realme, with addicions and legendis of Scottis Sanctis, now gaderit to be* ekit thereto". In the same document it is further enacted: "And alse It is divisit and thocht expedient be Us and our Consall, that in tyme cuming Mess bukis, Manualis, Matyne bukis, and Portuus bukis, *efter our awin Scottis Use*, and with legendis of Scottis Sanctis, as is now gaderit and ekit by ane Reverend father in God, and our traist consalour Willeame Bischope of Abirdene and utheris, *be usit generaly* within al our Realme alssone as the samyn may be imprentit, and that *na manner of sic bukis of Salusbery Use be brocht to be sauld within our Realme in tyme cuming:* and gif any dois in the contrair, that thay sal tyne the sammyne".[3]

We may assume as certain that when the Breviary of Aberdeen was published it was introduced "alssone as the sammyn might be imprentit" into S. Nicholas', a church which, next to the Cathedral, was the most important in the diocese over which Bishop Elphinstone presided; and we may detect a trace of the actual process in the gift, by Mr. Thomas Chawmer, the Curate, in 1513, of "a printed book" (*liber ex pressura*) to the Altar of S. Mary.[4]

The Breviary is a book containing the entire Offices of the Roman Catholic

[1] Book xiv. 7. Quoted by Bp. Forbes *ut supra*.

[2] "The name Portuus, Portasse, or Portiforium was frequently applied to the Breviary." —David Laing.

[3] *Registrum Secreti Sigilli*, iii. fol. 129. Quoted by David Laing, Preface to the Aberdeen Breviary, p. xxi.

[4] No. XXXIV., vol. i. p. 64, ii. p. 56.

Church as used throughout the year, with the exception of the Daily Service of the Mass—the Ordinary and the Canon (or the fixed and invariable part of every mass daily recited) together with the parts that varied for each Sunday and holy day, or according to the special occasion for which the mass was celebrated. These together constitute a separate volume, the *Missale* or Missal. That Bishop Elphinstone and his fellow-workers intended to supersede the Sarum Missal hitherto in general use in Scotland by a *Missale Aberdonense*, and that it was to be recommended by the King for adoption throughout the entire realm, are facts which seem plain from the passages in the grant to Chepman already quoted: that the good bishop's intention was actually carried out in regard to the Missal as well as to the Breviary, has been held to be demonstrated by a decision of the Privy Council, on the 14th of January, $150\frac{9}{10}$, in response to a complaint of the printer that his "privilege had been invaded by various persons, merchants in Edinburgh, who continued to import and daily to sell books of the Use of Salisbury, 'sic as Mess bukis, Mannualis, Portuises, Matine bukis, and divers uthir bukis'". The Council prohibited the importing or selling "within this Realme, *ony of the bukis aboue written of the said Use of Salusbery*, *in tym to cum*". David Laing's comment is obvious:—"It is evident that the printer could not complain of his rights having been infringed, and that the Privy Council would not have issued their prohibition, if editions of such books had not already issued from his press to supply the demand".[1]

Unfortunately, no copy of Bishop Elphinstone's Missal has come down to us: all seem to have perished in "the Knoxian flames". But the *Missale de Arbuthnott* (a Sarum Missal adapted in some measure to the diocese of S. Andrews[2] and written by Sybbald, Parson of Arbuthnott, who died in September, 1507) shows traces, not indeed in the body of the work, but "in two entire Masses written on leaves prefixed to the MS., and evidently added as an afterthought,"[3] of the influence exerted by the work on which, in the neighbouring diocese, Bishop Elphinstone was engaged.

It must not be supposed that the desire to get rid of the Use of Sarum in the Scottish Church was prompted by any theological distaste for either its doctrine or its ceremonial. In both of these respects the Breviary of Aberdeen is substantially the Breviary of Sarum; and the Missal of Aberdeen was no doubt

[1] David Laing, Preface to the Aberdeen Breviary, p. xxv.

[2] Its variations from the Sarum show no trace of any Gallicising influence; but there is a distinct tendency towards a national Scottish Use. See Bp. Forbes' Preface to the Arbuthnott Missal, pp. lxv. *seq.*

[3] *Ibid.*, p. lxxxviii.

so far just the Sarum Missal. So far from having any antipathy on these grounds to Sarum Use, we find Bishop Elphinstone, in at least one instance, bringing the service of his church into a closer conformity to that of Salisbury. Bishop Forbes notes "that the Feast of the Name of Jesus on the 7th of August does not occur in the Arbuthnott Missal—it is printed by Bishop Elphinstone in the Breviary of Aberdeen; from which we must conclude that that distinguished Prelate then introduced for the first time that beautiful Office into his diocese. The Office, as printed by him, is *exactly the same as in the Sarum*."[1] The reason for the change was national, not theological. The study of Scottish history had begun, and in consequence Scottish feeling became more bitter towards England, while it demanded a fuller and more adequate recognition of the national saints in the Offices of the national Church.

"Our awin Scottis Use," as arranged by the devout care of Bishop Elphinstone, had, we may suppose, some fifty years' tenure (1510-1560) in the Church of S. Nicholas; but for at least three centuries—from the Thirteenth Century to the second decade of the Sixteenth—the services must have been those of the Sarum rite, the Masses very much as we find them in the Arbuthnott Missal. As a fair specimen of what they were, I have translated from that Missal (as edited by Bishop Forbes) five of the Masses specially referred to in the Chartulary, adding some notes to mark the difference between them and the corresponding Offices in the modern (*i.e.*, post-Tridentine) Roman Missal. Two of these are the two Masses written on the leaves prefixed to the Arbuthnott Missal: I have selected them because there, if anywhere, the influence of Bishop Elphinstone's Missal would be found. I have given a brief notice of every other special Mass referred to in the Chartulary. I have added, as of special interest, a Mass that is *not* specially mentioned in the Chartulary, the "Mass of S. Nicholas," the Patron Saint of the Church, taking it also from the Arbuthnott Missal; and as an example of Offices other than the Mass, I have translated the Breviary Office for the Feast of the Compassion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is taken from the "extra sheets" printed along with his Preface to the Aberdeen Breviary by the late Mr. David Laing. It is found, he tells us, in "the Glammes copy" of the Aberdeen Breviary; and was printed (he conjectures about 1520) by John Story, an otherwise unknown assistant or successor of Walter Chepman. The Office has an interest for Aberdonians in connection with the dedication of the "Lower Church" of S. Nicholas to "Our Lady of Piety".

[1] Preface to Arbuthnott Missal, p. lxvi.

No. I.—The Mass of the Trinity.

[Both in the Arbuthnott and in the Roman Missals this is a votive mass. It is called in the Chartulary "The Mass of the Commemoration of the Trinity". It was to be said on the foundation of Sir John Stirling, chaplain, at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist.[1]]

Officium.[2]

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the Undivided Unity: we will confess unto Him because He hath dealt mercifully with us.

Psalm.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.[3]

Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us Thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech Thee that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

Epistle (2 Cor. xiii. 14).

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be always with us all, in Christ Jesus our Lord.[4]

Epistle (Romans xi. 33).

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been His counsellor? Or who hath first given unto Him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.[5]

[1] No. C., vol. i. p. 194, ii. 169.

[2] The anthem sung at the approach of the priest to the altar. It is commonly called the *Introit*.

[3] The Roman has Psalm viii.

[4] There are several differences from the text of Scripture as given both in the Vulgate and in the Authorised Version. The Roman Missal makes the *Epistle* consist of two verses, the 11th and the 13th.

[5] This *Epistle* is not in the Roman.

Gradual.[1]

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, that beholdest the depths: and sittest upon the cherubim.[2]

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord: because He hath dealt mercifully with us.

Alleluia. Blessed art Thou, Lord God of our fathers: and to be praised for ever.

Gospel (S. John xv. 26, to xvi. 3).

At that time Jesus said to His disciples, When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me. And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

Offertory.[3]

Blessed be God the Father, and the Only-begotten Son of God, and the Holy Ghost: because He hath dealt mercifully with us.

Secreta.[4]

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, this Host by the invocation of Thy holy Name; and, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, perfect us through it to be an everlasting possession of Thyself, who livest, etc.

Preface.

Who, with Thine Only-begotten Son, etc.

Communion Anthem.

Let us bless the God of heaven, and confess to Him before all living: because He hath dealt mercifully with us.[5]

[1] An anthem sung after the Epistle.

[2] From the *Song of the Three Holy Children*. (In the Vulgate, this is the third chapter of Daniel: in the Authorised Version, it is included in the Apochrypha.)

[3] An anthem sung at the Offertory or just before it.

[4] A prayer said by the priest at the conclusion of the Offertory.

[5] This is from Tobit xii. 6, but the Vulgate Version is quite unlike that in the Authorised Version.

Post-Communion.

Let our receiving of this Sacrament profit us, O Lord God, for the salvation of body and soul, and our confession at once of the eternal Holy Trinity, and of the Undivided Unity, who livest, etc.

No. II.—The Mass of the Five Wounds.

[This is one of the two Masses above referred to which in the Arbuthnott Missal (whence I have translated it) are written on leaves prefixed to the MS. It occurs in the Sarum Missal; and it differs considerably, as will be seen, from the "Mass of the Five Wounds" now printed among the Appendices to the Roman Missal, and appropriated to the Friday after the Third Sunday in Lent. In S. Nicholas' Church it was a votive Mass, to be said on the foundation (1512) of Sir John Litstar, chaplain, every Wednesday, at the Altar of S. Mary;[1] also, every Thursday, at the Altar of S. Martin, on the foundation (1520) of Thomas Waus;[2] and every Friday—the day of the Crucifixion—at the Altar of S. Salvator, on the foundation of Sir John Chawmer, chaplain.[3] These dates, it is interesting to observe, support, so far, the suggestion of its peculiar place in the Arbuthnott Missal that this Mass, like that of the Name of Jesus, may have been introduced by Bishop Elphinstone. The "curious rubric" which precedes it contrasts very strikingly in its superstitious puerility with the beauty of the Office itself; but, absurd as the legend is, it may have had something to do with the popularity which the Mass attained. The historical sense in those days was not particularly critical, and men were eager for spiritual benefits. The rubric is, of course, no part of the Mass.]

Saint Boniface the Pope was sick even unto death; and he besought the Lord that his life might be preserved. And the Lord, sending to him His angel S. Michael, said to him: Arise, and write this Office, and read it five times, and thou shalt receive healing. And whatsoever priest shall devoutly read it either for himself or for any other sick man, he shall more speedily receive healing, and in the world to come eternal life. And in whatsoever tribulation a man may have been in this world, he shall straightway be delivered: and if it is read for a departed soul, immediately on its completion that soul shall be released from punishment. Whereupon S. Boniface, lifting himself up straightway, adjured him by Almighty God either at his peril to depart from him, or to indicate who he was, and wherefore he

[1] No. LXX., vol. i. 129, ii. 115.
[2] No. LXXII., vol. i. 133, ii. 188, 170.
[3] No. C., vol. i. 195, ii. 170.

had come. To which he answered straightway that he was an angel sent from the Lord to promise the things he had just uttered. Then S. Boniface granted in the Lord, by his Apostolical authority, to all who should devoutly celebrate and fulfil five times the foresaid Office, indulgence (and the remission of) a seventh part of all their sins, and to those devoutly hearing it forty days' indulgence of mortal sins (criminalium) and a year's of venial sins.

Introit of the Mass.[1]

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled Himself unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name.[2]

Psalm.[3]

I will sing of the mercy of the Lord for ever.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collect.[4]

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who from the bosom of the Father didst descend unto the earth, and on the wood of the cross didst endure the Five Wounds, and didst pour out Thy Blood for the remission of our sins; We humbly beseech Thee that in the day of judgment, being set at Thy right hand, we may be counted worthy to hear (Thee saying) Come, ye blessed of My Father; who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity (of the Holy Ghost).

Lesson.[5]

Thus saith the Lord God, I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced; and shall mourn for Him as one that mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem; and one shall say to Him: What are these wounds in Thy hands? And He shall say: Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends. Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man that is My Fellow,

[1] In the Arbuthnott Missal, the *Introit* is usually called the *Office*: not so in this Mass.

[2] Phil. ii. 8, 9.

[3] Psalm lxxxix. 1.

[4] The *Collect* in the cognate Roman Mass is quite different.

[5] A *cento* from Zech. xii. and xiii.

saith the Lord of hosts. I will smite the Shepherd and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered, saith the Lord Almighty.

Gradual.

My heart looked for derision and for misery: and I looked for some one to take pity upon Me, and there was none, and for comforters; but I found none.

℣. They gave Me gall for My meat: and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.[1]

Alleluya.

℣. Hail, O King. Thou alone hast had compassion on our wanderings. Obedient to the Father, Thou art led as a meek lamb to the slaughter: to Thee be glory, and Hosannas; to Thee the crown supreme of praise and honour.

The Gospel (S. John xix. 28-35).

In that time, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: the soldiers therefore filled the sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath day (for that Sabbath day was an high day), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came thereout blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true.

Offertory.[2]

Wicked men rose up against Me: and without mercy sought to slay Me: and with their spear they wounded Me: and all My bones were beaten.

Secreta.[3]

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for the redemption of the world didst ascend the

[1] Psalm lxix. 20, 21 (Vulg., Ps. lxviii. 21, 22). The Roman has no special *Gradual* or *Gospel*.

[2] The Roman has no special *Offertory*.

[3] The Roman *Secreta* is quite different, and is addressed to God the Father. It was an ancient rule—"When the priest stands at the altar, let the prayer be made to the Father":

wood of the cross, that the whole world which lay in darkness might be enlightened; Grant unto us always in our soul and body that light whereby we may be counted worthy to attain to the light eternal. Who with God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest.

Preface.

Who hast won the salvation of the human race.

Communion.[1]

They pierced My hands and My feet: and counted separately all My bones.

Post-Communion.[2]

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at the sixth hour for the redemption of the world didst ascend the gibbet of the cross, and didst pour out Thy precious Blood for the remission of our sins: We humbly beseech Thee that after our decease we may be counted worthy joyfully to enter the gate of paradise; through Thee, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, the King of glory, who with God the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God for ever and ever, world without end. Amen.

No. III.—The Mass of the Name of Jesus.

[This Mass was to be said in the Church of S. Nicholas, on the foundation (1493) of Sir Andrew Gray, chaplain, every Friday, at the Altar of S. Michael.[3] Like the preceding, it is given in full on the leaves prefixed to the Arbuthnott Missal. Bishop Forbes seems to connect its occurrence there with the adoption from the Sarum Breviary by Bishop Elphinstone of the Feast of the Name of Jesus (7th August) and its appropriate service. He remarks, however, that in the

on exceptions, such as the present, to this rule, and their significance, see an interesting passage in Liddon's Bampton Lectures, *Our Lord's Divinity*, vii. and Note. It will be observed that in these Arbuthnott Masses there are several prayers addressed to Christ, while the corresponding Roman ones are addressed to the Father. This tendency, which marked the ancient use of the English Church, continued to operate after the Reformation. It must be borne in mind, however, that the Roman Missal, with which the comparison is made, is that which was "restored," according to the decree of the Council of Trent, by Pius V. (1570). See Note appended to Second Edition of Liddon's Bampton Lectures.

[1] Psalm xxii. 16, 17.

[2] The Roman *Post-Communio* is quite different, and, like the *Secreta*, is addressed to God the Father.

[3] No. C., vol. i. 194, ii. 168. See also Appendix I., No. IX.

Arbuthnott Missal (as in S. Nicholas') the Mass is a votive one, "not assigned to any particular day of the year ; that accordingly it has an *Alleluia* to enable it to be used in the Paschal season, and a *Tract* for that after Septuagesima, which are the same as those given in the Sarum Missal for the commemoration" (17th August). It will be observed that the mention of the Mass in the Chartulary is in 1493—the ninth year of Bishop Elphinstone's tenure of the See of Aberdeen, but fourteen years *before* the Royal licence to print his Breviary and Mass-book. The Bishop's labours, however, may well have extended over a more protracted period than that, and he is more likely to have begun with the Missal, as at once more important ecclesiastically and shorter than with the Breviary. Moreover, some of the newly introduced Masses may have been readier earlier than others, and may have been adopted sooner by ecclesiastics living, as both the chaplain of S. Nicholas and the parson of Arbuthnott did, though in different dioceses yet within the circle of Elphinstone's immediate influence. They may both have been among his unnamed fellow-labourers.

Like the Mass of the Five Wounds, this Mass in the Arbuthnott Missal "is preceded by a curious introductory rubric. It is followed by a Gospel differing from the usual *In principio*. But the most interesting feature about it is the *Preface* which is substituted for the usual Roman one beginning with the words, 'Quia per Incarnati,' which is found both in the Sarum Missal and in the Aberdeen Breviary."[1]]

Whosoever shall devoutly celebrate this Mass which follows for himself, or for a friend, living or departed, shall not die without true contrition, oral confession, satisfaction worthy of his deed, communion, and extreme unction ; and if he have celebrated it for thirty Fridays,[2] *and if for a soul departed which is in purgatory, within thirty days it shall be liberated, as many wise men opine : and for each Mass he shall have thirty thousand years' indulgence, the gift of Pope Boniface.*

Office.

In the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth : and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.[3]

[1] Preface to the Arbuthnott Missal, p. lxxxviii.

[2] It was on Fridays this Mass was to be said in S. Nicholas.

[3] Phil. ii. 10, 11.

Psalm.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good: sing praises unto His Name; for it is pleasant.[1]

Collect.

God, who hast made the most glorious Name of Thy Only-begotten Son Jesus Christ dear in the highest degree of sweetness to Thy faithful ones, and to evil spirits fearful and terrible; mercifully grant that all we who devoutly venerate this Name on earth, may enjoy the sweetness of its holy comfort in this present world, and in that which is to come, obtain the joy of exultation and unending jubilation. Through the same, etc.[2]

Lesson (Acts iv. 8).

In those days, Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the Name of Jesus of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Gradual.

God the Father hath set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under His feet.[3]

℣. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name; and deliver us, and be merciful to our sins for Thy Name's sake. Alleluia.[4]

℣. Dulce nomen nostri Jesu
Melos auri, mel in esu

[1] Ps. cxxxv. 3 (Vulg., cxxxiv.). The Roman Mass has Psalm viii.

[2] The Roman *Collect*, to much the same effect, is wholly different in expression.

[3] Eph. i. 21, 22.

[4] Psalm lxxix. 9. The Roman *Gradual* is altogether different.

Cor vertit in jubilum
Fugat mundi sibilum.[1]

At Eastertide, Alleluia.

℣. Our Lord Jesus, being risen from the dead, stood in the midst of the disciples; and said, Peace be unto you.

Sequence.

Dulcis Jesus Nazarenus,
Judæorum Rex amœnus,
Pius, pulcher, floridus;
Pro salute suæ gentis
Subiit mortem cum tormentis
Factus pallens, lividus.
Dulce nomen et cognomen
Hoc transcendens est prænomen
Omnibus nominibus;
Mulcet feros, sanat reos,
Fovet bonos, munit eos,
Servat ab insultibus.
Hujus Regis sub vexillo,
Statu degis in tranquillo
Hostes tui fugiunt;
Nomen Ejus meditatum
Belli fugat apparatum
Hostes victi rugiunt.
Hoc est nomen recolendum
Quod sic semper est tremendum
Malignis spiritibus;
Hoc est nomen salutare,
Et solamen singulare,
Quod succurrit tristibus.
Hoc nos decet honorare,
Arcâ cordis inserare,
Cogitare, peramare,
Amare sed heroicè.

[1] The hymns I rather leave in Latin than venture to spoil them by any metrical rendering of mine.

Ignatius hoc docuit,
Hoc passim insonuit,
Cor ejus scissum patuit
  Scriptum Jesus cælicè.
O quid majora cupimus
Quam quod Jesus sit intimus
Qui extat amantissimus
  Et quærit nos amare?
Amat ferventissimè
Amat fidelissimè
Amat constantissimè
  Et suos vult juvare.
Nomen Suum fecit tale
Ut sit cunctis cordiale,
Capitale, principale,
  Dilectum ex intimis.
Hoc habent naturæ jura
Ut amemus totâ curâ
Reamemus, placitura
  Præstantes ex animis.
Jesu nomen omne bonum
Tenet, dulcem facit sonum,
Promeretur regni thronum
  Auditum lætificat.
In hoc lucet splendor Patris
In hoc patet decor matris
In hoc fulget honor fratris
  Hoc fratres magnificat.
Caput Jesu, cor, mens, manus,
Pes, et corpus, vigor sanus,
Vulnus, livor, sanguis planus,
  Parantur nominibus.
Hoc torquentur passa dura,
His læsura et matura,
Reparantur piâ curâ
  Purgatis criminibus.
Ergo si quis velit scire,
Quare Jesu nomen mire

Facit bonos concupire
  Sui inhærentiam ;
Jesus pulcher in decore
Summè bonus in valore,
Mitis, lenis, cum dulcore
  Pronus ad clementiam.
Jesus rex est generosus,
Jesus formâ speciosus,
Jesus linguâ gratiosus
  Et mirandus opere.
Jesus fortis, animosus,
Jesus pugil vigorosus,
Jesus donis copiosus,
  Et gaudet tribuere.
Jesus piè viscerosus,
Jesus ductor luminosus,
Jesus est deliciosus,
  Et sapit dulcissimè.
Jesus famâ gloriosus,
Jesus cunctis fructuosus,
Jesus totus virtuosus
  Fevet suos optimé.
Summè potens in vigore,
Summè celsus in honore,
Summè gratus in amore,
  Omnem laudem obtinet.
In sciendo summè sapit,
Ambiendo cuncta capit,
Diligendo corda rapit,
  Et electa retinet.
Eia nobis nomen gratum,
Dulcis Jesus appellatum,
Sic in corde sit firmatum,
  Ut non possit erui.
Hoc reatum peccatorum
Tollat; præstet jubilorum
Odas; cœtu beatorum
  Donet nobis perfrui.

Amen.

In Septuagesima, the Tract, as follows:—

Dulce Nomen Jesu Christi,
Felix omen ferens tristi,
Jocundans mentem jubilo;
℣. Tollit luctum, affert fructum;
Et adductum et seductum
Purgat cor a nubilo.
℣. Nominatum, invocatum,
Honoratum, prædicatum,
Semper sonat dulciter;
℣. Tam peccatum quam reatum,
Condonatum, expurgatum,
Reddit mulcens leniter.
℣. Hostes ferit, mores serit,
Mala terit, graves gerit,
Plenum est præsidium;
℣. Nos defendat, nos accendat,
Nos intendat et extendat
Hoc nomen in gaudium. Amen.[1]

The Gospel (S. Matthew i. 20).[2]

At that time the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying: Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and shall call his name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name, Emmanuel; which being interpreted is, God with us.

The Creed. I believe, etc.

Offertory.[3]

In My Name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

[1] Neither of these Hymns is in the Roman Mass.

[2] The *Gospel* in the Roman Mass is from S. Luke ii. 21.

[3] S. Mark xvi. 17, 18. The Roman is from Ps. lxxxvi. 12.

Secreta.

In veneration of the loved Name of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, O God the Father of mercies, we immolate with devout hearts these Hosts; humbly beseeching Thee that by virtue thereof, Thine aid may be afforded to all who keep His Name in memory, and that rejoicing in the same Name they may obtain the salutary end they have in view. Through the same, etc.

Preface.[1]

Eternal God, who art glorified in the assembly of Thy saints, for all creatures serve Thee which know that Thou only art the Author of their being, and their God: all Thy creation praises Thee: and Thy saints bless Thee, with voice set free confessing before kings and the powers of this world that mighty Name of Thy Only-begotten (Son). Angels and Archangels, Thrones and Dominions stand around Thee. And with all the soldiery of the army of heaven they sing the hymn of Thy glory, saying without end, Holy, Holy, Holy, etc.

Communion.[2]

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna; and I will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. *At Eastertide*, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Post-Communion.[3]

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the holy mysteries which we have received in honour of Thy most dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ, remembering Him with devout hearts, may be for the increase of our spiritual joy, and may both increase our love toward His saving Name and further our rejoicing with our whole heart in Jesus, our most sweet Saviour. Who liveth, etc.

This Gospel that follows, as many say, should be read at the end of this Mass in place of the (*usual*) *Gospel*, "In the beginning".[4]

The Gospel (S. John xix.).[5]

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a

[1] This magnificent *Preface* is not in the Roman Mass.

[2] Rev. ii. 17. The Roman Mass has a *Communion* from Psalm lxxxvi. 9, 10.

[3] The Roman *Post-Communion* is altogether different.

[4] S. John i.

[5] This *Gospel* is a "harmony of the Passion" taken from S. John xix. 1-3; S. Matt. xxvii. 30; S. John xix. 16-18 (slightly altered), 28, 29; S. Matt. xxvii. 34; S. John xix. 30; S. Matt. xxvii. 51-54; S. John xix. 34, 35.

crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote Him with their hands. And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head. And the soldiers took Jesus, and laid on Him the cross. And He went forth into a place called the place of a skull, where they crucified Him, and two other with Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. After this Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, saith, I thirst; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to His mouth. And when He had tasted it He would not drink, but said, It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. And straightway the earth did quake, and the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent, and the rocks were rent, and the graves were opened, and those which slept arose. And when the centurion saw what was done, he said, Truly this was the Son of God. And at last one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came thereout blood and water. And he that saw it bare record; and we know that his testimony is true.

℣. We adore Thee, O Christ, and bless Thee.

℟. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world: have mercy upon us.

Prayer.[1]

God, who for us sinners didst lay upon the cross Thy hands, Thy feet, and Thy whole body, and didst endure that a crown of thorns should be placed upon Thy head by the Jews in mockery of Thy whole body, and didst endure Five Wounds for us sinners on the gibbet of the cross, and so hast redeemed us by Thy blood; grant to us, we beseech Thee, Lord Jesus, to-day and every day to exercise penitence, and abstinence, patience, humility, and chastity: illuminate unto true knowledge our sense and intellect; grant us good perseverance even unto the end; and make us to keep in memory Thy Wounds so constantly and heartily, that we may at the last be counted worthy to attain unto the fellowship of Thy resurrection. Who with God the Father, and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

No. IV.—The Mass of the Commemoration of the Holy Ghost.

[Though called in the Chartulary the Mass of *the Commemoration* of the Holy Ghost, which means, strictly speaking, the Mass for His proper Feast, *i.e.*, Pentecost, this was also a votive mass. The mass used at Aberdeen was no doubt

[1] This prayer seems more suitable to the Mass of the Five Wounds which, in the Arbuthnott Missal, follows close on the Mass of the Name of Jesus.

that given in the Arbuthnott Missal (pp. 435-6) where it is the second of the Votive Masses. It is exactly the same as the Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost in the Roman Missal. One was to be celebrated in S. Nicholas' every Tuesday at the Altar of S. John the Evangelist, on the foundation of Sir John Stirling, chaplain:[1] another, founded by Provost Gilbert Menzes, every Wednesday, at the Altar of S. Sebastian ;[2] a fourth, also every Wednesday, at the Altar of S. Ann, on the foundation (1542) of Mr. Robert Schand, Parson of Alness. (Along with this last, collects were to be said for living and departed benefactors of the founder.)[3]]

Offertory.[4]

The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the world. Alleluia ; and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Psalm.[5]

Arise, O Lord, and let Thine enemies be scattered : and let those that hate Thee flee before Thee.

Collect.

God, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit ; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His comfort. Through the Lord (Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth) in the unity of the same Spirit (ever one) God.

Lesson (Acts viii. 14-17).

In those days, when the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John : who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost (for as yet He was fallen upon none of them, only they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Gradual.

Blessed is the people whose God is the Lord : the people whom the Lord hath chosen for His own inheritance.

℣. By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made : and all the host of them by the Spirit of His mouth. Alleluia.

[1] Vol. i. 194 ; ii. 169. [2] Vol. i. 195 ; ii. 170. [3] Vol. i. 248 ; ii. 219.
[4] Wisd. i. 7. [5] Ps. lxviii.

℣. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and kindle in them the flame of Thy love.

The Gospel (S. John xiv. 23).

If a man love Me . . .

(*See the Mass for the Day of Pentecost.*)[1]

Offertory.[2]

Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us: because of Thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto Thee. Alleluia.

Secreta.

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord, these gifts which we have offered, and cleanse our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit. Through . . .

Preface.

Who ascending

Communion.[3]

Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Alleluia. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking the wonderful works of God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Post-Communion.

Cleanse our hearts, O Lord, by the infusion of Thy Holy Spirit, and fructify them by the inward sprinkling of the dew of His grace. Through . . . In unity of the same . . .

No. V.—The Mass of S. Ann.

[This was celebrated at Aberdeen as a votive mass every Tuesday at the Altar of the Three Kings, or at the High Altar, on the foundation ($152\frac{3}{4}$) of Sir William Philpsone, chaplain;[4] and, also every Tuesday, at the Altar of S. Ann,

[1] This rubric is not in the Roman. Except that the Epistle and Gradual are different and the Pentecost Sequence absent, this is just the Arbuthnott Mass for Pentecost.

[2] Psalm lxviii. 28, 29.

[3] Acts ii. 2, 4, 11.

[4] No. LXXVI., vol. i. 141; ii. 126

on the foundation (1542) of Mr. Robert Schand.[1] In both the Arbuthnott and the Roman Missals it is appropriated to the Feast of S. Ann, 26th July.]

Office.

Let us all be joyful in the Lord, keeping this day a feast in honour of Ann, the mother of Mary: over whose solemnity the angels rejoice and together praise the Son of God.

Psalm.[2]

My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Collect.[3]

God, who to-day didst raise to the joys of the heavenly life the Blessed Ann, the excellent mother of the most beloved one who bare Thee; grant, we pray Thee, through the glorious merits of her through whose saving Child-bearing[4] Thou didst deign to take human flesh for the salvation of the world, that we may come to eternal blessedness. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, etc.

For the Epistle (Proverbs xxxi. 1).

Who can find a virtuous woman, etc.
(*See the Feast of S. Mary Magdalene.*)[5]

Gradual.[6]

Hearken, O daughter.
(*See the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary.*) Alleluia.

Versicle.[7]

Hail, Holy Mother Ann: from thee came forth the Virgin Mary, who received her Child from heaven: and bore the Saviour of the world.

[1] No. CXX., vol. i. 241; ii. 219.

[2] Psalm xlv. 1.

[3] The Roman *Collect* is quite different, and is addressed to God the Father, whereas this is addressed to the Son.

[4] There is a reference to 1 Tim. ii. 15.

[5] This rubric is not in the Roman.

[6] Psalm xlv. 10. The Roman *Gradual* is from the second verse of the same Psalm.

[7] The *Versicle* also is different in the Roman Mass.

Sequence.[1]

Testamento veteri
Anna fuit genita
Et de stirpe regiâ.

Hæc matrona nobilis
Diu fuit sterilis
In magnâ tristitiâ.

Cui fructum contulit
Et sic luctum abstulit
Divina clementia.

Patriarchis edita
Anna luce prædita
In perenni gloriâ,

Deprecamur, inclyta,
Ut per tua merita
Nobis detur gratia.

Ave parens labe carens,
Rubens rosa speciosa,
Florens inter lilia ;

Matrem Christi genuisti ;
Tua prece nos a nece
Tuearis noxiâ.

Ecce lucis officina,
Ægris spes et medicina :
Tua proles est regina
In cœlesti patriâ.

Ipsa cunctis jam prælata
Per te sumens hæc præcata
Nostra fiat advocata
In Dei presentiâ. Amen.

The Gospel (S. Matthew i.).[2]

The book of the generation, etc.

[1] The *Sequence* is not in the Roman.

[2] The Roman *Gospel* is different and more appropriate (S. Matt. xiii. 44).

The Creed.

I believe, etc.

Offertory.[1]

Kings' daughters, etc.

Secreta.[2]

Sanctify, O Redeemer of the world, our gifts for the present sacrifice, and make the same effectual for our salvation through the prayers of Blessed Ann, from whose womb as from a palace, the hall of virgin purity, came forth Thy Mother. Who livest and reignest with God the Father.

Communion.[3]

Grace is poured into Thy lips.

Post-Communion.[4]

Protect us, O Lord, who have received these votive Sacraments of (Thy) heavenly table, by the glorious intercession of the Mother of Mary, Blessed Ann: from whom came forth to the light of human birth the Child-bearing Virgin, who, without the loss of her chastity, brought forth for us the brightness of our life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Who with Thee, etc.

No. VI.—Notes on the other Special Masses Referred to in the Chartulary.

1. A "Mass of the Commemoration of the Body of Christ," founded by Duncan Reid, was to be said at the High Altar every Thursday[5]—the day of the week on which the Eucharist was instituted. Another, to be celebrated every Monday at the High Altar, was founded by the provost, baillies, and community of the burgh, and for it the chaplains were infeft with the Justice Mills.[6] A third, every Thursday at the Altar of S. Ann, was founded in 1542 by Mr. Robert Schand. In this Mass, in addition to its proper Collect were to be said the Collects from the Votive Masses "for Living Benefactors" and "for Departed Benefactors".[7] The Roman Missal has a Votive "Mass of the Most

[1] Psalm xlv. 9.

[2] The Roman *Secreta* is different, and is addressed to God the Father.

[3] Psalm xlv. 2.

[4] The Roman *Post-Communion* is entirely different.

[5] No. C., vol. i. 194; ii. 169.

[6] No. C., vol. i. 199; ii. 175.

[7] No. CXX., vol. i. 248; ii. 219.

Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist," but the Arbuthnott Missal has none, and the use in the Chartulary of the words, "the Mass *of the Commemoration* of the Body of Christ," may be held as indicating that the founder wished the Mass for Corpus Christi Day (the Thursday after Trinity Sunday) to be said every week as a votive mass. The Mass for Corpus Christi is precisely the same in the Arbuthnott and the Roman Missals.

2. "The Mass of the Holy Blood." This Mass was to be celebrated in S. Nicholas' Church in Lent, and special provision was made for the attendance at it of all the chaplains.[1] In the Roman Missal there is now a "Feast of the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ," with an appropriate Mass, celebrated annually on the first Sunday of July. No such Feast or Mass appears in the Arbuthnott Missal, and neither in it nor in the Aberdeen Breviary can I find any hint of a Mass of this kind in Lent.

3. A "Mass of the Commemoration of S. Mary" was to be celebrated in S. Nicholas' for the soul of Mr. John Flescheir, Chancellor of Aberdeen (1493-1522), every Saturday at the Altar of S. Michael.[2] Another on the foundation of Mr. Robert Schand (1542), also every Saturday, at the Altar of S. Ann.[3] Both the Arbuthnott and Roman Missals have Votive Masses of S. Mary; the Roman gives five forms according to the season when the Mass is celebrated. (1) In Advent, (2) from Christmas to Candlemas, (3) from Candlemas to Easter, (4) from Easter to Pentecost, (5) from Pentecost to Advent. The Arbuthnott has only three—(1) In Advent, (2) from Christmas to Candlemas, (3) from Candlemas to Advent. The first of these forms has three *Sequences* proper to itself; in the second there is this rubric: "*Whenever there is a full Office of S. Mary, let there be said one of these six Sequences in order; namely, the Sequence*, Post partum; *the Sequence*, Ave Maria; *the Sequence*, Lætabundus; *the Sequence*, Hac clarâ die; *the Sequence*, Ave mundi; *the Sequence*, Hodiernæ lux. *See for these Sequences (the Offices) within the Octave of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary. These Sequences aforesaid are to be said whenever there is a full Office of S. Mary throughout the whole year, except in Advent, even within Septuagesima up to the beginning of the Fast (of Lent). For there is never a Tract said at the Mass of*

[1] No. CXXIV., *Statutes for the Maintenance of Divine Service* (1491: the seventh year of Bishop Elphinstone), vol. i. 255, 256; ii. 226, 227.

[2] No. C., vol. i. 195; ii. 172.

[3] No. CXX., vol. i. 248; ii. 219.

the Commemoration of S. Mary in the Church of Sarum, but always a Sequence, even through the whole of Lent at her daily Mass."[1]

This rubric implies, on the one hand, a divergence of the Scottish from the Sarum use—in not singing, as the latter did, the Sequences in Lent; and, on the other hand, a difference from the Roman which in every case has a *Tract* instead of a *Sequence* (an anthem instead of a hymn). A more remarkable variation, which coincides with the noteworthy absence of "all reference to the prerogatives of the See of Rome" in Archbishop Hamilton's *Catechism* of 1552,[2] is the appearance in the Arbuthnott rites of the *Collect for living Bishops* where in the Roman there are prayers not for Bishops but for the Pope. Is this another indication of the growing feeling for nationality in the Scottish Church? It is proper, however, to add that the Arbuthnott Missal contains two Votive Masses for the Pope.

4. A "Mass of S. Katherine"[3] was to be celebrated as a votive mass for the souls of Mr. Thomas Chalmer, Curate of S. Nicholas, and his mother[4] every Tuesday at the Altar of S. Katherine. This must be that of the Feast of S. Katherine (Nov. 25). The Roman Office is all from the Common of a Virgin and Martyr, except the Collect: the Arbuthnott has a slightly different Collect, "Almighty and everlasting God, who didst command the body of Thy glorious virgin and martyr Katherine to be borne by angels to Mount Sinai; graciously vouchsafe through her prayers that we may be carried to the heights of virtue, whence we may be counted worthy to behold the vision of Thy brightness. Through—"; it has also a special Sequence, Secreta, and Post-Communion.

5. A "Mass of the Passion of S. Mary" was to be celebrated every Friday in the Crypt of S. Nicholas at the Altar of S. Mary of Piety. This Mass was founded in 1520 by the chaplains in gratitude for a donation by their colleague, Mr. David Menzies, towards the building of a clergy-house.[5] It may be the same as the "Mass of the Compassion of the most Blessed Virgin Mary" also referred to in the Chartulary.[6] The Arbuthnott Missal has no trace of it: the Roman has a "Feast of the Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin

[1] Arbuthnott Missal, pp. 440-1.

[2] Archbishop Hamilton's *Catechism*. Law's Edition. Introduction, p. xxxiii.

[3] S. Katherine the Virgin.

[4] No. C., vol. i. 196; ii. 171.

[5] No. LXXI., vol. i. 131; ii. 117.

[6] No. C., vol. i. 196; ii. 172.

Mary," with a Special Mass, appropriated to the Friday after Passion Sunday (the Fifth in Lent), but so arranged that it may be used, as the cognate Mass was at Aberdeen, as a votive mass throughout the year.

6. A "Mass for the People" referred to in Appendix C, p. 319, may perhaps be one or other of two "General Masses" given in the Arbuthnott Missal among the Votive Masses (pp. 472, 474). Both have *Collects* for all Christian people.

The Charter of Mr. Robert Schand (1542) prescribes seven weekly celebrations at the Altar of S. Ann in the following order :—

Sundays—The Mass proper to this Sunday, or the Mass of whatever Feast it may happen to be.
Mondays—Requiem Mass.
Tuesdays—Mass of S. Ann.
Wednesdays—Mass of the Holy Ghost.
Thursdays—Mass of the Body of Christ.
Fridays—Mass of the Five Wounds of Christ.
Saturdays—Mass of S. Mary.

All these are to be said with special intention for the souls of the Founder, his father and mother, Archbishop Forman, and the Provost, baillies, and community of Aberdeen. Special Collects were to be added in each case from the Votive Masses "for Living Benefactors" and "for Departed Benefactors".[1]

No. VII.—Mass of S. Nicholas.[2]

Officium.[3]

The Lord appointed him a covenant (of peace).

Collect.

God, who didst adorn with innumerable miracles Thy blessed pontiff Nicholas ; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, that by his merits and prayers we may be delivered from the fires of hell. Through . . .

[1] No. CXX., vol. i. 248; ii. 219. (Note, where the Collects are given.)
[2] Translated from the Arbuthnott Missal.
[3] Ecclus. xlv. 30.

For the Epistle (Ecclus. l. 1).[1]

Behold a (great) priest.

Gradual.[2]

Lord, Thou hast prevented.
Alleluia.

Versicle.[3]

The righteous shall flourish.

Sequence.[4]

Congaudentes exsultemus
  Vocali concordiâ,
Ad beati Nicolai
  Festiva solennia;

Qui in cunis adhuc jacens
  Servando jejunia,
Ad papillas cœpit summa
  Promereri gaudia.

Adolescens amplexatur
  Litterarum studia,
Alienus et immunis
  Ab omni lasciviâ.

[1] This is apparently the passage in Ecclus. l. (slightly altered at the beginning) which contains the praises of the High Priest Simon, the son of Onias. The Roman Office takes a verse of it for the *Gradual;* its Epistle is from the Common of Doctors.

[2] Psalm xxi. 3. [3] Psalm xcii. 12.

[4] Not in the Roman. There is no reference in the Hymn to the Saint's greater miracle, commemorated in the boss in S. Mary's Chapel, his restoring the two children to life. His call to the episcopate by angels is the subject of a fine picture by Paul Veronese. I have ventured here on a rhymed translation:—

Sequence of S. Nicholas.

Come, brethren, sing with one accord
Exultant praises to the Lord;
And bring a sacred strain to grace
The Feast of blessed Nicholas.

Who in his cradle days began
To show himself the Church's son,
Observing her appointed fasts
Already at his mother's breasts.

Studious and pure, thy call was given,
Confessor blest, direct from heaven;

Felix confessor
  Cujus fuit dignitatis
  Vox de cœlo nuncia ;
Per quam provectus
  Praesulatûs sublimatur
  Ad summa fastigia.

Erat in ejus animo
  Pietas eximia ;
Et oppressis impendebat
  Multa beneficia.

Auro per eum virginum
  Tollitur infamia,
Atque patris earundem
  Levatur inopia.

Quidam nautae navigantes
Et contra fluctuum sævitiam luctantes,
  Navi pene dissolutâ,
Jam de vitâ desperantes,
In tanto periculo clamantes
  Voce dicunt omnes unâ,

And angel voices from on high
Proclaimed thy mitred dignity.

Rare piety informed his breast,
And oft he succoured the opprest ;
Three maids he saved from infamy,
And cheered their father's poverty.

Some sailors sailing on the main,
And battling 'gainst its waves in vain,
Their ship a wrack ! in their despair
Invoked the saint with earnest prayer :

Save us, they cried, for thou hast power
With God to help in danger's hour,
And to the haven of the sea,
Draw us from death's extremity.

Nor cried in vain ; " Be of good cheer,"
The saint replied, " for I am here ".
Then straight upsprung a fav'ring breeze,
And tranquil calm possessed the seas.

O beate Nicholae,
Nos ad maris portum trahe,
De mortis angustiâ;
Trahe nos ad portum maris,
Tu qui tot auxiliaris
Pietatis gratiâ.

Dam clamarent nec in cassum
Ecce quidam dicens, Assum
Ad vestra præsidia.
Statim aura datur grata,
Et tempestas fit sedata;
Quieverunt maria.

Ex ipsius tumbâ manat
Unctionis copia,
Quæ infirmos omnes sanat
Per ejus suffragia.

Nos qui sumus in hoc mundo
Vitiorum in profundo
Jam passi naufragia,

E'en from his tomb an ointment flows,
A cure for all the sick man's woes,
By virtue of his prayers, for he
With God hath such acceptance high.

Sunk in this world of sin are we,
In depths of vice as in a sea;
Shipwreck we suffered have, alas!
Aid us, O glorious Nicholas!

Us to salvation's haven bring,
In peace and joy with saints to sing.
That better unction of the Lord
Which to the soul can health afford,

For us, sore hurt, on sin's dark main,
Dear Saint, by thy pure prayers obtain;
So we thy happy festival
Shall keep with joy through ages all.

And Christ Himself thy sons shall crown
After their race on earth is run. Amen.

Gloriose Nicholae,
Ad salutis portum trahe,
Ubi pax et gloria.

Ipsam nobis unctionem,
Impetres a Domino
Prece piâ
Quâ sanavit læsiones
Multorum peccaminum
In maria.

Cujus festum celebrantes
Gaudeant per saecula,
Et coronet eos Christus
Post vitæ curricula. Amen.

Gospel (S. Matt. xxv. 14).

The kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country.

Creed.

I believe . . .

Offertory.[1]

My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him.

Secreta.

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord, these (Thy) gifts here offered in veneration of Thy holy priest Nicholas; that through them our life may ever be rightly guided in prosperity and adversity alike. Through . . .

Communion.[2]

Blessed is that servant . . .

Post-Communion.

The sacrifices which we have received on the solemnity of Thy holy pontiff Nicholas, confirm us in Thine eternal protection, O Lord. Through . . .

[1] Psalm lxxxix. 24.
[2] S. Matt. xxiv. 46. The Roman *Communion* is from Psalm lxxxix. 35.

No. VIII.—The Breviary Office of the Compassion of the Blessed Virgin Mary.[1]

In the Feast of the Sorrowful Compassion of the Blessed Mary, which is celebrated annually on the Wednesday after Palm Sunday.[2]

Let every age weep for the death of the Saviour enwoven with the sorrow of the glorious Virgin.

Psalms for the Day.

Antiphon. The night in which Christ was taken the Virgin spent sleeplessly, and apart from the rest remained in tears and very watchful.

Antiphon. Let that night be very tearful: let that night be very bitter: in which the dear Son of His Mother was taken.

Antiphon. Never did mother bear such anxious griefs, as Mary when contemplating the paleness of her Son.

Antiphon. Alas! the rosy hue of the Mother is turned into paleness: when Mary saw the blood of her Son.[3]

The Chapter.

The rage of the Jewish people grew more violent, while lifting up their voices before Pontius Pilate the governor, they cried out, Crucify Him. Alas! Barabbas is released, and the innocent Son of the Virgin Mary is crucified.

Response.

Come, every one, sing to the Mother in whose Son's blood we are washed. With her let us mingle heartfelt lamentations, watering our faces with tears.

Versicle.

Our eye is pierced with the goad of love: alas! the Mother without stain is bereft of her Son so sweet. With her, etc.

[1] Translated from the text given in David Laing's Preface to the Breviary of Aberdeen. By *Compassion* is intended, not the pity of the Blessed Virgin, but, in the literal meaning of the word, *her suffering along with* Christ.

[2] Such is the language of the rubric. By a curious slip David Laing says in his Preface that it was commemorated on "the Friday of Passion Week". In S. Nicholas' the Mass of the Feast was said as a Votive Mass every Friday. The Roman Missal has a "Feast of the Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary," with special Mass appropriated to the Friday of Passion Week: it is so arranged that it may be used for a Votive Mass throughout the year.

[3] These Antiphons are all rhymed.

Hymn.

Imperatrix clementiæ,
Rorem infunde gratiæ
In cor meum peraridum :
Ut tibi fiat placitum.

Largire, et concipiam
Tecum cordis angustiam :
Flens mortem quam Rex patitur
Per quem mundus construitur

Ejus tractatur Filius
Longeque latro (*sic*) vilius :
Irrisus fert ludibria
Gente vallatus impiâ

Jesu, nate de Virgine
Sine virili semine,
Qui mortem crucis pateris
Confossus clavis asperis !

Amore matris anxiæ
Nostræ per eas miseriæ
Suique fletus copia
Nos ducat ad cœlestia.

Sit honor, laus, devotio
Jesu Mariæ Filio
Tenso crucis patibulo
Pro redimendo populo. Amen.

Versicle.

The Mother was standing beside the cross :[1] and tears were on her cheeks.

Antiphon.

The Virgin points out the punishment of death which her Son suffers ; and, standing in the midst of the people, multiplies her woes while they urge His death, and redoubles her sad cries, she who once had sung *Magnificat.*[2]

[1] This is not the well-known *Sequence*, Sabat Mater.
[2] The original is rhymed.

Collect.

O Lord Jesu Christ, sweetest Son of the Virgin Mary: who, when Thou hadst supped with the traitor, wast at last taken and vilely treated; grant, we beseech Thee, that as we suffer together for Thee and Thy most holy Mother, we may be counted worthy to abide with her and Thee for ever. Who livest, etc.

At Mattins.

Invitatory.[1]

Let us weep fervently along with the Virgin Mary. Let us adore our King laid in the sepulchre.

Psalm (xcv.). Venite.

Hymn.

Castæ parentis viscera
Pœnâ torquentur asperâ,
Dum Illum quem conceperat
Verbo perversi verberant.

Illum ligant crudeliter;
Cædunt cruentum acriter;
Hoc audientis anxiæ
Matris crescunt angustiæ

Sed dum ad crucem ducitur
Tunc mater tristis sequitur:
Pectus profundens fletibus,
Cor afficiens doloribus.

Et quis referre poterit
Dolorem quem tunc habuit,
Cum pro Nato quem genuit
Discipulum susciperet?

Beata Christi passio
Sit nostra liberatio;
Et per Mariæ merita
Peccati detur venia.

[1] The *Invitatory* is rhymed.

Honor Mariæ Filio
Qui pendens in patibulo
Clamans emisit spiritum,
Mundumque salvans languidum.

At the First Nocturn.

Antiphon. No mother knew such hard sorrows: when she saw His wounds and His thorn-pierced head.

Psalm (viii. (?)). Domine, Deus noster.

Antiphon. She who did no sin is regarded as bereft of hope: while bowing His head He giveth up the ghost.

Psalm (xix.). Cœli enarrant.

Antiphon. And while she mourns His death whom the people crucified: her sole consoler is the guardian disciple.[1]

Psalm (xxiv.). Domini est terra.

Antiphon. The others took a little sleep: Mary in sadness kept vigil.

First Lection.

If the Church recalls with honourable remembrance the birthdays (into the better life) of the faithful martyrs who endured in their bodies heavy sufferings for Christ, how much more right is it for those who venerate Mary, piously to recall her eminent griefs and anxious pains which she, at once a Virgin and most consecrated Mother, endured in her soul for Christ.

Responsary.

The Mother could not be consoled when she saw Him whom she had borne so treated. She suffered not less grief than the Saviour who bore so much.

Verse.

Beholding the death of Him whom she nourished: no mother ever so grieved. Not less grief . . .

Second Lection.

For as the soul is far more excellent than the body, so is sadness of the soul far more bitter than bodily woe. For the body without the soul does not suffer pain, but the soul without the body is in sharpest anguish very often.

[1] The first three *Antiphons*, not the fourth, are rhymed.

Responsary.

While she sees the punishment of death she suffers exquisite agony: she is worn with weeping, while for the space of three days she thus languisheth. Her face once polished is defiled.

Verse.

Pain so overwhelming never was heard of: far more welcome to her were death than life. Is defiled . . .

Third Lection.

By so much therefore ought the dolorous compassion of the most Blessed Virgin to be kept with more high solemnity, by how much the sorrow of her mind was unspeakably more painful than the bodily torments of other martyrs.

Responsary.

Most merciful Queen, the Virgin Mother of Christ, when she (*sic*) saw her Son die such a sad death, thou wast no longer troubled for thine own tortures: but wailing and weeping thou didst afflict thyself.

Verse.

Wringing thy hands thou didst weep bitterly: but not one harsh word didst thou utter to the Jews. But wailing . . .

In the Second Nocturn.

Antiphon. O Mary, let the river of thy tears move my stiff heart to weeping.

Psalm (xlv.). Eructavit.

Antiphon. Let us recall the grief of the glorious Virgin when the Lord was led bound into the temple (*sic*).

Psalm (xlvi.). Deus noster refugium.

Antiphon. The Mother is prostrate with grief when she looks upon the Son whom she bore bathed (alas!) in blood.

Psalm (lxxxvii.). Fundamenta.

Verse.

Holy Mother of God, sweet and comely: pray for us to the King (whom we) gave over unto death.

Fourth Lection.

And although no tongue could weave together all her anxious griefs which she (endured) in compassion for her Son, yet it were well in consideration of the greatness of the matter to add a very few words of comment in order to excite devotion. For the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, had a clear understanding of the words of all the prophets who spoke beforehand of the passion of Christ her Son.

Responsary.

What pain shall I say thou barest, Lady, for thy crucified Son, when thou saidst, I do not wish to be the survivor to suffer death alone. I pray that the death of the Mother may be like the Son's.

Verse.

O Jesus, Thou good Son, do not leave me: make me to die with Thee in Thy passion. I pray . . .

Fifth Lection.

Wherefore not merely at the death and passion of her Son did she grieve like a mother for and with Him, but thinking over beforehand those oracles of the prophets which were to be fulfilled in her Son, and while she dandled the infant limbs of Jesus in her virginal arms, she was so smitten with overmuch sorrow, that she very often bathed the whole of His little body with a flood of tears.

Responsary.

The innocent Man and free from crime: just (and) pitied of man. Let us bethink us of His sorrow, since we are the cause of His doom so terrible.

Verse.

The Mother grieves along with the Son, who gave Himself to the gibbet of the cross, by His sharp agonies to give life to the wretched.

Sixth Lection.

So the pious Mother of Jesus could never meditate on Holy Scripture, or hear her Son speaking of His death, without being pierced every time with the sword of sorrow.

Responsary.

The sorrowful Mother looking at Christ hanging on the cross, weeping incessantly and striking her sacred breast, moved many to grief by the wail of her complaint; seeing her Son all bloody stretched on the gibbet of the cross.

Verse.

Then, alas! the sword of suffering, according to the word of Simeon, pierced the soul of the anxious Mother. (Seeing her) Son . . .

In the Third Nocturn.

Antiphon. When the Virgin saw her Son dying on the cross: there was no sorrow like unto her sorrow.

Psalm (xcvi.). Cantate.

Antiphon. I pray that thou, Queen of Virgins, wouldst be favourable to us miserable sinners, while with thee we shed copious tears.

Psalm (xcvii.). Dominus regnavit.

Antiphon. What tongue can utter the anguish of the Mother, when she saw her Son nailed upon the cross!

Psalm (xcviii.). Cantate, ii.

Verse.

The Virgin, beautiful above all daughters, when her Son was taken, became as one dead.

S. John (xix. 25).

At that time there stood by the cross of Jesus His Mother, and His Mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene, etc.

Seventh Lection. From a Homily.

At the cross of her dying Son the pious Mother, she herself dying along with Him through the multitude of her griefs, was standing, while the sharpest sword of suffering and death was piercing her most tender heart.

Responsary.

When they had taken Him down from the cross, and were bearing Him to the tomb, she thus amid her anxious griefs addressed the bearers, Bear with me for a little while I bewail my sorrow, and kiss and touch my dear Son.

Verse.

Do not take away my Son from me: if He must be buried, bury me along with Him.

Eighth Lection.

She did not stand far off like His acquaintances: but she stood near and beside Him: for she was His Mother. She stood near, because beyond others she came close to His punishment who died, whom also she, because she was His Mother, loved beyond others.

Responsary.

When saw she that by the closing of the grave she was bereft of so sweet a sight, she stood with the beloved disciple. She wept more with her heart.

Verse.

Her weeping moved the bystanders to a river of flowing tears. She wept . . .

Ninth Lection.

There stood with her also her sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene: the one sighing for her dying Nephew, the other loving the Beloved. But Mary the Mother of Jesus, stood near the cross before the others for she, loving as no one else, loved (Him) as no one else.

Responsary.

The Mother deprived of the presence of the Son, thus addressed Gabriel, the messenger, "Hail full of grace," thou saidst to me: now I am filled with bitterness. Thou didst add, "The Lord is with thee". Alas! He is no more with me: He lieth in the grave.

Verse.

Every blessing which thou didst promise me, is now turned to the contrary, on account of the death of Christ. Alas! Virgin, glory of virgins, let her be extolled with pre-eminent and worthy praises, this noble Mother of Jesus.

Antiphon, at Lauds.

Mary, the pious Mother, was weeping bitterly without: while the furious (people) vilely used the King of the world.

Psalm (xcix.). Dominus regnavit, *with the other* (*Psalms*).

Antiphon. How sad must we think the Mother was, when she, the most just Virgin saw her Son: there is no sorrow like that of the Virgin-mother bewailing the death of the God-Man.

Antiphon. The meek Lamb, bowing His head, cried out "Eloi," as He died upon the cross: seeing which His Mother suffers with Him: and at His cry, she is well nigh dead also.

Antiphon. The cry of Christ fills His Mother with anguish: let no wailing cause her to wail: the fellowship in sorrow of the two is most perfect, for the most perfect love preceded it.

Antiphon. O what a divorce it was when the Mother left the Son who made the world, with tears to follow the disciple!

Chapter.

When the Virgin heard that her Son was taken, and led by the Jews to the gibbet, she did not cease to beat her sacred breast and to shed tears.

Hymn.

O gloriosa domina,
Tulisti cruciamina;
Cum Barabbas dimittitur,
Christus cruci affigitur.

Pastorem, heu! percutiunt;
Oves dispersi fugiunt:
Maria cum discipulo
Manente sub patibulo.

Nolens concernit Filium
Ejusque Dei unicum
Sibi triste spectaculum
Crudeli morte pallidum!

Cum de cruce deponitur
Mater tristis amplectitur;
Et tumulandum sequitur
Martyr mater efficitur.

Nec mirum si sit anxia
Commota tali furia,
Se sciens puram virginem,
Natum Deum et Hominem.

Laus sit Mariæ Filio,
Pro nostrâ causâ perdito,
Mortem passo pro populo
In aspero patibulo. Amen.

Verse.

After the death of Christ, Mary remained with John, ready always for prison and for death.

Antiphon. He is taken as a thief: thereafter He is bound and beaten : He is spit upon, and struck with blows : O ! the anguish of His Mother as she saw each stroke. Blessed be the King who beareth these things for us.

Psalm (S. Luke i.). Benedictus.

At the Day Hours.[1]

Collect.

Lord Jesu Christ, who submitting Thyself to death temporal for us sinners, wouldest spare neither Thine own body nor Thy Mother's grief; we beseech Thy Majesty most graciously to grant, that we who recall the memory of Thy passion and Thy Mother's compassion, may be partakers with Thee and her of eternal felicity. Who livest and reignest, etc.

At Prime and the other Hours, the Antiphons of Lauds.

Verse, at Prime.

Jesu Christ, who didst deign to be born of the Virgin.

Chapter, at Terce.

While Jesus, led out to the place of a skull, was bearing His cross, His Mother followed Him uttering the most bitter cries, pouring out copious tears, and smiting her breast.

Responsary.

Virgin, thy Son is nailed to the cross.

Verse.

Make (Him) by thy prayers propitious to the miserable.

[1] Mattins, to which the larger part of the daily service was assigned, is properly a Night office.

Verse.

Jesu, illustrious King, let the compassion of Thy Mother (aid) us.

Chapter, at Sext.

When the Virgin came to the place of punishment, after she had seen her Son and the cross erected, her wailing became greater, and her tears and anguish were multiplied.

Responsary.

Jesu, illustrious King, let the compassion of Thy Mother . . .

Verse.

Deliver us from the jaws of hell-fire. Jesu!

Verse.

Through the tears of Mary.

Chapter, at None.

For, going up on the lifted cross, and stretching out His arms, His hands and feet are nailed: seeing which His mother fainted for grief, and dies.

Responsary.

By the tears of Mary, O Father of pity.

Verse.

Bestow on us true glory with the blessed.

Verse.

The resurrection of Christ, which she knew should be, was the consolation of the Virgin under the hardness of the passion.

At the Second Vespers.

Antiphon. Mary the pious mother, *as at Lauds.*

Psalms of Our Lady.

Responsary.

Benign and excellent Mother of Jesus, who went out from thy virginal womb (and) hath been made a peaceful dweller with those at whose hands He suffered heavy stripes. By the bleeding wounds of thy Son, aid us, thou Child-bearing Virgin!

Verse.

Rejoice, Queen of Heaven, with great joy; for thy Son whom thou didst bewail shut up in the tomb, shall rise indeed at earliest dawn, with every mockery of scorn done away. Through the bleeding wounds.

Chapter.

The Lord having been buried, and the disciples dispersed, the whole faith of the Church remained in Mary alone, the Virgin-mother.

Hymn.

Ingrata gens Judaica
Jesum vestit cum purpurâ,
Et in vile opprobrium
Pungunt coronâ spineâ.

Sanguis sacratus defluit
Per sanctam illam faciem;
Et, concretus, heu! horride,
Fœdat Ejus cæsariem.

Properat crucifigendus
Portans suam crucem Jesus;
Rex regum pro sceptro regni
Lignum portat supplicii.

Pendet in cruce Dominus
Duorum latronum medius;
Flens, clamans, plenus vulnerum
Patri commendat spiritum.

Miles perfodit lanceâ
Jesu corpus examine:
Huic fluxis salus hominis
Aqua mixta sanguine.

Tunc matris cor virgineum
Dolor affligit nimium;
Quo urgente consternitur
Et Filio commoritur.

Succurre nobis, Domine,
Quos redemisti sanguine;
Et duc nos ad cœlestia
Per matris Tuæ merita.

Honor et benedictio
Jesu Mariæ Filio;
Qui nos suo supplicio
Redemit ab exitio. Amen.

Verse.

The resurrection of Christ which she knew should be, was the consolation of the Virgin under the hardness of the passion.

Antiphon. O Jesu, Son of the Highest Father, who for us wast born of the Virgin, and barest our miseries in Thy body, and at length didst endure death on the cross: who didst commend Thy Mother at (Thy) death to John: who sparedst neither her pains nor Thine; we, for whom Thou didst so much, entreat Thee, that by the love of Thy Mother Thou wouldst keep us from a sad death.

Psalm (S. Luke i.). Magnificat.

Collect.

We beseech Thy pity, O Lord Jesu, who, most mercifully undergoing temporal death for us sinners, wouldest not spare either Thine own body or Thy Mother's grief; grant that we who recall the memory of Thy passion and the sorrow of the same Thy Mother, may be partakers with Thee and her of eternal felicity. Who livest and reignest, etc.

APPENDIX V.

"AN ACCURATE AND MINUTE DESCRIPTION

OF

THE EAST KIRK, 1818."[1]

BY

JAMES LOGAN.[2]

THE East Kirk is 83 feet long in the body, to which add 20 feet more for the depth of the place at the east end, where in former times the high altar stood, and we have the whole length 103 feet. The width of the east end of altar place is 11 feet 2 inches. It is 22 ft. 6 in. broad in the body, or middle, and 19 ft. 8 in. from the pillars to the wall, on each side, which makes the whole breadth 61 ft. 10 in. In the centre it is about 40 ft. high.[3]

[1] [MS. in Library of Society of Advocates, Aberdeen.]

[2] [James Logan was the younger son of a merchant in Aberdeen, and was born there about 1794. Educated at the Grammar School and Marischal College, his intention of entering one of the learned professions was abandoned owing to an accident which befell him during his student days. Manifesting a decided taste for drawing he entered as a student of the Royal Academy, but soon gave it up in favour of literature, by which he earned a precarious living as litterateur and antiquary. From 1826 till his death in April, 1872, Logan resided principally in London, acting for a time as Secretary of the Highland Society, and afterwards taking an active part in the management of the kindred Gaelic Society of London. Logan's principal literary effort was *The Scottish Gael*, published in two volumes at London in 1831. The Society of Advocates, in addition to the MS. here printed, possess other two MSS. by Logan, viz., Notes on the Cathedral of Aberdeen with illustrations, and Notes on Churches in the Diocese of Aberdeen with illustrations.]

[3] [" The quire, which is now distinguished by the name of the East Church . . . is eighty-six feet of length to the breast of the chancel, and sixty-four feet of breadth, including the side aisles. The roof of the nave is supported by four arches on each side. . . . The chancel, which is eighteen feet by twelve, was in the east end of the quire."—Kennedy's *Annals of Aberdeen*, ii. p. 42.]

The roof is supported by five Gothic arches on each side, which, as in other churches, make the divisions of body or centre, and aisles or the part below the galleries. The arches are about 25 ft. high. The pillars, or peirs, are circular, painted in imitation of blue veined marble, with red veined capitals. Their dimensions are: 14 ft. height of the shaft; $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. the capital; and 12 ft. in circumference. Pillars 14 ft. 9 in. apart. The pillars of the arch at the east end are painted as red, and the capitals as blue marble. They are not circular, but consist of four semicircles. It is nearly as high as the ceiling of the church.

The roof of the body of the church is ceiled with timber and adorned with raised work, amongst which are the arms of Aberdeen, and another: a bend charged with three buckles, and the letters P. L. Round the edges is a border of flowers painted blue. On the north side is an inscription in black letter as follows:—

I [1] M

Ad * laudem * diui * Nicholai in * anno * prepositure * hoñabilis * viri Iohis * Mar * hoc * celamen * factū * fuit * tempore * Patricii * Leslie * magri * fabrice * huius * eclie * anno * dōi * millō * ccccc * xv.[2]

Above may be discerned the date 1510.

The east end, above where the altar stood, is done in the same manner, but more profusely ornamented. There are two coats of arms which have been gilded.

The pulpit is on the north side, painted imitation of wainscot, but does not appear to be old.

Some of the galleries are ornamented with curious work in front. There are three galleries at the west end. The second belongs to the sailors, and has the picture of a ship on the front, and a handsome one, full-rigged, hung before it. The upper gallery was originally for the singers: it is now called the bell gallery, because the entrance is from the place where the bells are rung. They are all white painted.

The walls are adorned with a number of atchievements, for persons buried in the church or who have had seats in it.[3] The one represented here[4] appears

[1] [Shield bearing: Argent, a chevron between two (?) heads and a heart, gules.]

[2] [In honour of S. Nicholas this roof was erected in the year of the provostship of an honourable man John Mar, Patrick Leslie being Master of Kirkwork, A.D. 1515.]

[3] "These are all since taken down and were burned to heat the West Kirk! I had previously got a gift of them from John Collison, Master of Kirk Work. When I told him of their loss: 'Burn't!' says he, 'Deil burn them!'"

[4] [Mr. Logan's sketch shows: Argent, on a bend azure, three buckles or; in sinister chief a martlet gules.]

to be for a Leslie. Now, in the ceiling is the arms with the initials P. L.; and from mention of Patrick Leslie in the inscription, I take it to have been placed in memory of the clergyman in whose time the church has been ceiled. It is directly opposite the pulpit.

There are likewise on the south wall two monuments of stone, sculptured and painted. One is for John Rutherfoord of Tarland, 1484;[1] the other for Robert Blinshell, 1482—Provosts: the inscription of which last is on a piece of wood affixed beneath it. [*Plate I.*, Nos. 1, 2.]

There is an atchievement above Rutherfoord's monument, which is in a bad state of preservation. It is hung in manner of the rest, and consists of only one, but round the edges are four different coats of arms. The centre arms are: Gules, three wolves' heads couped, stuck on the points of three daggers, argent. Crest: on a wreath, argent and sable, a hand holding a dagger erect. This, from the arms and initials I. S., appears to be for a Skene. Round the sides the arms are: 1st, Azure, an inescutcheon, in chief two martlets sable. 2nd, Quarterly: First and fourth, Azure, a boar's head; second and third, Argent, a unicorn's head sable. 3rd, Quarterly: First and second [*sic*: fourth?], Azure, three boars' heads couped argent; second and third . . .

The following atchievement is for Sir George Skene of Wester Fintray, who was Provost in 1685.[2] It consists of four, the same as the one represented,[3] coupled together. Above is a helmet, fixed to the wall and hung with crape. It appears to be of tin plate, and is lined with yellow silk.

On the wall inwards to the south aisle are two atchievements for a Burnet, viz.: Argent, party per pale . . .

[Another [4]] hangs on the north wall, near the west end, and appears to be ancient.

[1] [*Cf.* Mr. A. M. Munro's "Epitaphs and Inscriptions in S. Nicholas' Church and Churchyard," in *Scottish Notes and Queries*, vol. i. p. 196.]

[2] "From whom Skene of that ilk got these lands. I painted this for the late and last laird, and he received it with much delight, and gave me an acknowledgement, the first I received for the like."

[3] [Mr. Logan's sketch shows: Gules, a chevron between three Skenes, surmounted of as many wolves' heads, argent. Crest: A dexter hand issuant out of a cloud and grasping a garland of laurel. Motto: *Gratis a deo data*. *Cf.* Dr. W. F. Skene's *Memorials*, p. 133.]

[4] [Azure, a bend argent (?) between a stag's head couped proper and three cross crosslets fitched or: on a chief of the second three escallops gules (?). Crest: A bud. Motto: *Fide sed vide*. Initials: M. R. P. P.]

[Another[1]] is in memory of Ninian Johnston, who was Master of Kirk and Bridge Works.[2]

No. 3 is immediately at the back, or rather above the pulpit, which accounts for its having THE CHAIR OF VERITIE painted above it. It is for Andrew Cullen, who was Provost of Aberdeen in 1506-35. It is of stone, as is also the following, No. 4, which is for [Provost Thomas] Menzies.[3] [*Plate II.*, Nos. 3, 4.]

. . . .

Two seats are apparently partly made of one which has been painted, Nos. 5, 6; for a part of the seat beside has just the same devices. No. 6 is the centre pannel, and has the letters I.B: IA: AA: cut above it. [*Plate III.*, Nos. 5, 6.]

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It is evident that pannels [inscribed as follows, with monograms] have all belonged to one seat, although they now compose part of two or three:—

ALEX. JOHNSTON.

CHAS. LOWRIE.	GEO. CRUKSHANK.
JOHN NICOLL.[1]	ALEX. CUMING.[1]
JOHN WATSONE.[1]	ALEX. GORDON.[1]
WA. ROBERTSONE.[1]	ALEX. GALLOWAY.[1]
JAS. GILREITH.[1]	JOHN FERGUSONE.[1]

There are four pannels . . . on one WILLIAM RICKART with two mullets; on another JAMES MOIR;[4] the others exactly like the one represented [two mullets and date 1677].

Another has five pannels, which have been painted; they are carved in the manner following. [*Plate III.*, No. 7.]

Other three pannels are done as the one represented underneath [G.W. I.D. I.S.]
One of them bears three lions' heads, and another M.A.D.

In the flooring below this is Burnet's arms nicely carved: it has doubtless belonged to a seat.

[1] [A shield bearing inscription: Vive ut postea vivas. Hanc sacram ædem reficiendam curavit Ninianus Johnston, M.K.W., 1791. Crest: Out of a ducal coronet an eagle's head.]

[2] "I believe this memorial has been overlooked. A Hatchment: Azure, on a chief gules a label of three points. Crest: On a wreath gules and azure, an eagle's head proper. Motto: *Vive ut vivas.*"

[3] [*S. N. and Q.*, i. 195.]

[4] [*S. N. and Q.*, ii. 8. Nos. 110-117, 119.]

There is a seat beside this on which are three coats of arms duly marshalled, and well carved. The first is a bend charged with three buckles, in the sinister chief a bird—being for Leslie. Another is "ANDREW MITCHELL," a fess wavy between three mascles. The third is "R.C.," three boars' heads within a fillet invected. Motto: *Per ardua bonum.* Cruickshank. There is one of the pannels bearing the device here shown [Monogram: J.L. interlaced]: it is for John Leslie, whose arms are first described.[1]

On the back of the seat before this one there is ALEXANDER WALKER, 1706. On the front it is twice cut in the same manner, and also on the door. The seat before is the same, and on the seat before is ALEXANDER THOMSON, TOWN CLERK, 1706, and on the door I*C: I*B. On a part which has not originally been of it is KIRK WORK.[2]

The seat before has the following arms carved upon it: A crescent montant between three boars' heads couped, within a fillet. Crest: A dexter hand holding an open book. Motto: *Vivitur ingenio.*[3] This arms is finely done. A bugle horn and three leaves within a bordure checky. Crest: Five leaves. Motto: *Nec fluctu nec flatu.*[4] Between the arms is: JOHN GORDON, 1708; JOHN BURNET, JO_R.

On the door is cut I.D.C.O., 1708. There are other three pannels in this seat, which are a little ornamented, and have W.M.: B.I. on them.

On the seat before there is cut out JOHN * DOUGLAS: CHARLES * OREM. Beside this is a seat marked KIRK WORK.

On the door of another seat is cut I.D., 1704; and on the inside JOHN WALKER. On a seat before it is, on one pannel, the underneath arms: [On a fess, between a dog's (?) head erased in chief, and a mullet in base, two buckles. Initials: I.K.: T.K.]. On another is I COR. 10. CA. QHATSOVER ZE DOE DOE ALL TO THE GLORE OF GOD, with the letters G.K.; A.K.; D.K.; 1610.

On a seat beside this is W. DEANS cut out. On a seat before which is cut JOHN MOIR, T. OREM. . . . On the door of another are merchant marks.

. . . .

In a table seat is the arms of the town, well carved. It is INSIGNIA URBIS ABERDONIÆ, 1700. In the same are two pannels carved on both sides.

The door of a seat near this is marked with the letters A.L.: G.P.: T.F.:

[1] [This panel is now in S. Mary's Chapel.]

[2] "From this I suppose the master of kirk work erected some of the seats."

[3] [*S. N. and Q.*, ii. 10, Nos. 139, 140.]

[4] [*Ibid.*]

W.M.: A.F.: G.R.: 1681. It has been made of different seats: four pannels have coats of arms duly marshall'd and well executed. This one is given as a specimen of the style and workmanship.[1] One is: Quarterly: First and fourth, three bears' heads muzzled couped; second and third, three unicorns' heads erased. Crest: A deer's head couped. Motto: *Per Christum salus.* Underneath is ALEX. FORBES, CRAG . . . Another is: Quarterly: First and fourth, three bears' heads muzzled; second and third, three unicorns' heads. Crest: A bear's head muzzled. Motto: *Salus per Christum;* T.F. Another is a plain shield with an inverted shield for the crest. It has no motto. Underneath is GEORGE CRUICKSHANK MERCHAND.[2] These two last have the helmets plainer than the others, with a band or ribbon from the sinister shoulder. . . .

In the same seat is a coat of arms carved: a fess wavy between three wolves' heads coup'd, within a bordure of mullets. Crest: A tyger rampant, guardant. Motto: *Pro patria.* Below is JOHN ALLARDICE, PROVOST, 1710. At the end of this seat is . . . IN TOULSON MERCHAND cut out.

. . . .

There are three pannels in a seat near to the last spoken of, which are carved on each side with the subsequent figures [*Plate IV.*, Nos. 8, 9].

There are on the seat behind this three pannels done in this manner, being painted [*Plate IV.*, No. 10]. On the other part of this seat are cut out the underwritten names in plain pannels: JOHN ROSS; ALEXR. PYPER; JAMES ROBERTSONE; ROBERT ABERCROMBIE.

At the end of this is one next the pass. The wood is carved on each side; and it has belonged to a seat of one William Cochran, and has been painted. On the front or part next the pass, his arms are carved amid various devices. It is: Ermine, in chief gules, a deer's head coup'd between two mullets, sable. Crest: a dexter hand holding a heart, gules. Motto: *Concordia vincit.*

. . . .

There is a seat here beautifully carved on each side. In the centre pannel in the inside is the Earl of Aberdeen's arms, and on the right side the Thistle and Rose, and on the left the Harp and Fleur-de-lis in separate pannels. In the centre on the other side is INSIGNIA URBIS ABERDONIÆ.

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[1] [Mr. Logan's sketch shows: Quarterly: First and fourth, three bears' heads couped, muzzled; second and third, three cinquefoils. Crest: A tree (?). Motto: *Laborando cresco.* Beneath, ALEXR. FORBES of LUDQUHARN. See *S. N. and Q.*, ii. 10, No. 1.]

[2] [*S. N. and Q.*, ii. 10, Nos. 2, 3, 4.]

Another has T.H. 1704, and on the back of the seat in the inside is cut WILLIAM TROUP 1706; and on the back of another seat beside it is cut WILLIAM FRAZER 1704.

On the seat which goes round the kirk by the wall are two pannels like the one represented here [JOHN NICOLL]; the other has ALEXANDER WALKER.

At the east end on the north side of the kirk . . . are three pannels on which are carved . . . monogram G.P.; that underneath W.M.; the other pannel is not seen for the pillar. On the back of this seat is cut STRACHAN.

The seat behind has cut on the back THOMAS HAY SHIRREFF CLERK: on the door T.S. 1704.

The backs of the seats next the pass on this side of the church are all finely carved. Part of one is divided into two pannels or compartments which are ornamented with the following designs [*Plate V.*, Nos. 12, 13].

On the door of a seat in the body of the church is cut Æ. The back of this seat is full of coats of arms. They are: 1st, A saltire and chief, charged with a mullet and pen. Crest: A mullet. Motto: *Calcare et calamo.* 2nd, A fess charged with three mullets, in chief a bear's head couped. Crest: A bird standing in water holding a branch in her bill. Motto: *Virtute duce comite fortuna;* T:S. 3rd, A scallop shell and two lilys. Crest: A bear's head couped, holding a ballance. Motto: *Fortis et equus;* W:L. 4th, A chevron ingrailed, in chief a fleur-de-lis between two mullets, in base a crescent. Crest: A fleur-de-lis surmounted by an anchor. Motto: *Spes meum solatium;* T:C.[1] There is likewise a cipher with the merchant's mark, but I take it to be of the same seat.

On the door of the seat before this is cut G.C. 1706. There is a piece taken to mend part of the end of this seat, on which may be seen a coat of arms: a lion issuant from a fess, and a fleur-de-lis in base. Part of the motto is also seen, *Vir vincitur.*

The seat before has I.G. 1706 on the door, and on a pannel on the same seat is cut GEORGE CRUIKSHANK SENIOR 1706. On part of the seat before, which seems to have belonged originally to this seat, is cut JAMES GORDON 1706. On another part of this last seat is cut ALEXANDER RAGG, BAILLIE. ALEXR. FORBES, BAILLIE . . . KER [BAILL]IE . . . PATON [BAILL]IE.

At the end of these seats are three pannels done in the underneath figure [WILLIAM MILL. GEORGE PYPER]. The others have the names ALEXR. LESLIE. GEORGE ROSS. ALEXR. . . . THOMAS FOREST.

. . . .

[1] [*S. N. and Q.*, ii. 9, Nos. 133-136.]

This and the following figures are on the backs of the seats next the pass:—

[1. MENESIORVM GENTILITIAM CATHEDRAM VETUSTATE COLLAPSAM INSTAVRAVIT PAVLVS MENESIVS A KINMUNDIE.[1]

2. A saltire between three mullets in chief and flanks and a mullet in base. W. A. LITAR OF BLAKS.

3. WHAT SALL I RENDER TO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS GIFTS TO ME. A SACRIFICE THAT DOES HIM PLESE OF THANKS AND PRAISE DAYLIE.

4. Female figure inscribed PRYDENTIA.[2]

5. Female figure inscribed FORTITVDO.

6. An inescutcheon, on a chief three martlets. ALEXANDER RVTHERFVRD PROVOST.[3]]

On the pannel above [the last] is the city arms with the date 1606.[4] The two foregoing figures are of the same seat.

There is a pretty large space at the back of the pulpit where there are no seats. The figures on the opposite page are on the back of the first seat as you proceed to the west. [*Plate VI.*, Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18.] The monogram is P.M.: S.E., Paul Menzies and —— ? ——.

There is also part of a seat done in the manner in that on Plate III., No. 7, only it is painted brown and is in larger pannels. The above is a representation of the border [*Plate VII.*, No. 19]. Below the devices are the following inscriptions:

THOMAS ROBERTSON DEAKON CONVEINER
GEORGE FERQVHAR DEAKON 1638.

Borders [*Plate VII.*, No. 21] round the panneling of the seat, part of which is represented [*Plate VII.*, No. 20]. . . .

Below this, amidst numerous devices, a brass plate was fixed, on which is said to have been the date 1313, now painted.

. . . .

The pannel represented [*Plate V.*, No. 13] is exquisitely carved.

Figures on the seat at the foot of the wall [I.C.; V.O.; I.L.].

The seat represented [*Plate VIII.*, No. 23] has belonged to Sir George Skene, mentioned before as having been provost in 1685.

[1] [The ancestral seat of the Menzies, worn out with age, was restored by Paul Menzies of Kinmundie.]

[2] [These figures remain in an aumbry in the East Church vestry, the south aisle of the Lower Church.]

[3] [*S. N. and Q.*, ii. 9, 10.]

[4] [Engraved in Cruickshank's *Armorial Ensigns of Aberdeen*, p. 44, and in *S. N. and Q.*, iv. 127.]

In the gallery on the north side is a seat which has belonged to the tailor trade.

One seat has many coats of arms on it. One bears three moors' heads sable, and is the only one that has been painted. . . . The other arms are :—A bend, in chief a deer's head erased, in base three crosslets fitchee, on a chief three cushions; with the letters T.I. A chevron between three alerions; with the letters W.R. A chevron, two wolves' heads erased in chief and a crescent in base; with the letters G.Q. A lion rampant, in chief three mullets; with the letters R.I. A chevron between three dogs' heads erased; with the letters C.R. Three mullets; with the letters N.I.[1] On the desk of this seat is cut JOHN MONRO 1737. Two of the pannels in this seat have monograms instead of arms [P.I.; G.C.].

[Two sketches occur here without descriptions. One shows a shield having a scissors expanded in saltire; with the inscription T.G. THIS SEAT IS BVILDET BE THE TAILZIORS 1627. The other is given on *Plate IV.*, No. 11.[2]]

The seat on which the underneath [three mullets] is carved, has five pannels, on all which are the same figures with the difference of the letters, which are T.M.; I.M.; A.M.; A.M.; A.M.[3]

. . . .

The seat on which is the last representation [M.Z. A.S. R.G.] is divided into six pannels, all done the same way, with the following differences in the letters:—

T.B.	I.K.	T.S.	A.H.	I.R.
I.T.	R.V.	T.G.	R.T.	I.H.
V.S.	R.T.	D.D.	D.R.	A.S.

There is a seat beside the last mentioned carved in manner of
There are, however, two coats of arms done as the one shown underneath [three wolves' (?) heads erased; with monograms A.C.; A.MK.]. The other one bears a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed, and the ciphers M.G.G.; W.G.[4]

[Here is introduced a sketch of the border shown on *Plate VIII.*, No. 22.]

There is very little carved work in the south gallery.

[1] [*S. N. and Q.*, ii. 9, Nos. 141-147.]

[2] [*Ibid.*, Nos. 137, 138.]

[3] [*Ibid.*, Nos. 150-154.]

[4] [*Ibid.*, No. 149.]

On the wall of the mid aisle between the arches hang two atchievements bearing: Argent, party per pale, first three burnet leaves vert (for Burnet). . . .

The seat below this has cut on the back:—THOs. BURNET, JAMES JOHNSTON, JAMES GORDON, WILLIAM FORBES, JAMES CARNEGIE, GEORGE FRENCH, GEORGE SANDILANDS, CHAs. LUMSDEN, WILLm. WALKER, WILLm. ALEXANDER. GEORGE CRUICKSHANK, and WILLIAM CRUDEN, rudely done. JOHN and GEORGE WALKER.

At the east end there is a long seat, every pannel of which has a device on it similar to that represented page [No. omitted], but smaller. One, however, is different, having an arms on it, viz.: Azure, a castle between two compasses in chief or, in base a square and ax of the last, the handle of the ax gules.[1] Beneath there is JOHN SCOTT FECIT.

There was originally only one entrance into this church, with a door into the cross aisle. This entrance is the door next the aisle on the north. It was fastened in the inside by a bar which was drawn out of the wall across the door and inserted into an aperture in the other side.

The floor of the church is considerably higher at the east end than the west.

The gallery on the north side does not reach to the wall, but is carved on the back in the manner of the front next the east end.

There are four[2] brass chandeliers. The largest has eight branches; it is ornamented with fishes and other devices; on the top is a figure in a loose garment, his right leg bare from the knee, and his right arm raised. On it is [a shield bearing three mullets, and] 1646 GIVEN TO THE KIRK BE ALEXANDER MVRRAY ELDER 1 NOR. The one that hangs between this and the west galleries has also eight branches, of which two are broken; at top is a man riding on an eagle with wings expanded; in his right hand he holds what I suppose is meant for a thunderbolt, and in his left has been something which is now gone. The one on the other side is the largest, has six branches; on the top is an eagle with two heads, crowned. The eastmost one has six small branches; at top is an eagle with two heads, on which are mitres; the branches are decorated with bishops' heads. This I take to be the oldest from the rudeness of the workmanship.

The west end of the north gallery has a border done in this form [*Plate IX.*, No. 25]. At the end of the beams which support this gallery are two figures [*Plate IX.*, Nos. 26, 27] which form a sort of entablature to the pillars [*Plate IX.*, No. 24], which are wooden. These pillars have stone bases.[3]

[1] [*S. N. and Q.*, ii. 9, No. 132.]

[2] [" Three brass double chandeliers," Kennedy's *Annals*, ii. 43.]

[3] " 12 ft. 2 in. height of pillars, capital 1 ft. 6 in., 12½ between."

Above the door of the east stair of this gallery is a shield fancifully ornamented, but the charge has been chisseled out.

Above the door which communicates with the cross aisle is fixed a canopy of a seat taken from the old church. It is profusely ornamented with a variety of carved work, and is of that style denominated the florid Norman. Although it is not entire, it is still in very good preservation. It would appear from certain remains there had been another on the other side of the church.[1]

It seems the boys of the Grammar School of old sat in the gallery at the west end of the church, below that appropriated for mariners; and, as the galleries are very close to each other, on the flooring of the upper gallery they have wrote their names with ink, so that the roof, as it were, is covered with names, of all dates from 1672 to 1750.

Above the door of the stair, which leads to the sailors' gallery, is painted the following inscription:—DEU. XXXIII. VER. 18. REJOYCE ZEBULUN IN THY GOING OUT. VER. 19. FOR THOU SHALT SUCK OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE SEAS.

At the foot of the stair is an aperture, 1 foot 3 inches in height by 1 foot 3 inches in breadth, which has probably been used for containing the holy water [*Plate IX.*, No. 28].

The door on a stair which leads to the lower gallery has been beautifully carved: only one pannel now remains [*Plate IX.*, No. 29].

Beside it is part of what has once been a grand seat, but now gets the name of the hangman's chair [*Plate IX.*, No. 30].

The south end of the west gallery is done in the same manner as that represented page [No. omitted]. The rails of the north stair of this gallery are waved or twisted.

Of Monuments and Gravestones within the Church.

There are no monuments or tombs in this church, except what have formerly been spoken of as being on the walls of the body or mid aisle, but the whole floor of the church abounds with gravestones, which are mostly covered by the seats. We shall describe all of them that can be seen, first noticing a small granite stone, about two feet square, in the north wall of the church near the session house door:—

IN · · TVMVLO · CONDITVR
CORPVS · EFFEMIE · SCHEVES · PIE · ET
HONESTE · MVLIERIS · E · REGIONE

[1] "This is a very fine piece of Gothic carving."

FIFENSI · ORIV̄DE · QVE · QVODAM · ERAT
VXOR · MORGERA [*sic*] · M · A · HERIOT · PRECONIS
VIRTVTEM · IESV · CHRISTI · CAPVD [*sic*] · ABER
DONENSES · CVIVS · EFFEMIE · ANIMA · IN
CELVM · FECERAT · SVSCEPTA · VIRTVTE
SANGVINIS · IESV · CHRISTI · ABERDO
NIIS · 3 · NONAS · FEBRVARII · ANNO
DOMINI · 1 · 5 · 6 · 8 · CIRCITER · OCTA
VAM · HORAM · VESPERTINAM · BE
AT [I] · QVI · MORIVNTVR · IN · DOMINO.[1]

The letters are filled in with pitch; the part for the second word, which has been HOC, though now obliterated, is neatly laid on.

Translation:—In this grave is interred the body of Effemia Scheves, a pious and honest woman, born in the parish of Fivie [Kingdom of Fife], who was some time the obedient wife of Mr. A. Heriot, a preacher of the Gospel at Aberdeen. The soul of this Effemia was received into heaven by virtue of Christ's blood, at Aberdeen the 3rd of [before] the nones of Feb. [*i.e.*, 3rd Feb.], A.D. 1568, about 8 o'clock in the evening. They are happy who die in the Lord.

As you enter the eastmost door on the south side there is a long narrow stone which has had various ornaments cut on it, but they are nearly obliterated. . . . Pretty distinct . . . the figure of a broad sword. It seems but the half of a larger one.

A blue stone has had an inscription round the edge in black letter, of which can only be made out . . . KEITH . . . ANNO . . . There has been an inscription put on afterwards. Near one of the ends is a small artificial perforation, which, I suppose, goes quite through, perhaps to a vault.

At the west end is a small stone on which is IA · L; on another I · 65; on another I · 87. There is a large blue stone, but neither date nor anything else can be made out.

There is one, half hid by the seats, which belongs to an ancestor of the Arnage family. The inscription is HEIR LYIS WILLIAM SCHAND BVRGESS OF . . .[2]

In the middle pass as you enter from the west is a large stone done in relief. There two coats of arms on it: 1st, an arrow surmounted by a crosslet, a star and mullet; 2nd, a lion rampant. There is discernible, 1622 . . . ISOBELL CVTHB . . .

[1] [*Cf. S. N. and Q.*, ii. 7.]

[2] [A blank space follows in Mr. Logan's MS. See the inscription in *S. N. and Q.*, ii. 23.]

Another has an arms: a mullet in chief, an inescutcheon, H.L.; except this nothing can be seen.

There is an extremely large blue stone which has been covered. On a part of it is to be seen—

HERE LYES ANDREW BVRNET OF DORS WHO DYED AÑO 16 . . AND ELSPET TOWX HIS SPOVSE WHO DIED . . .

On another is seen—

. . . FATIS CESSIT . . . CHARISSIMA CONJVX MERIORE INNES . . . IPSA FŒLICEM [V]ITAM BEATA MOR[TE] COMMVTAVIT . . . ANNO DOM 16 . .

There are others dated 1639, 1665, . . 67, 166 . , 1601, 160 . , 1666.

There is a small stone close to the wall at the east end to the memory of ALEXANDER YOVNG SHOOMAKER AND DEACON WHO DIED 1622. A smaller one near this bears I M 1638 E R. One, half the size of a common stone, is for ANDREW SIME BVRGESS WHO DIED MARCH 20, 1680.

At the back of the pulpit is a large stone on which is—

HEIR LYES THOMAS AND ANDROV BVRNET BROTHERS BVRGESSES OF ABD QVHO DEPAIRTED THIS LYF 13 SEPTR 1644 ALEXANDER BVRNET BAILIE OF ABD SON TO THOMAS DIED 29 APRIL 1685 SICKLYKE AGNES MOIR HIS SPOUS DYED THE 18TH JUNE 1686.[1]

The arms is done in relief, below which are the letters A.G.B. 1680.

There is another stone beside this one, but the inscription is defaced. The arms are: Party per pale, 1st, a chevron between three heads erased. 2nd, quarterly, first and fourth, a lion rampant; second and third, three garbs.

Another stone close to this has had a plate of a foot square fixed on it. The copper nails are still to be seen.

Another one has a coat of arms, viz.: Party per pale, 1st, a deer's head couped. 2nd, on a fess a deer couchant between three phœons.

The Session House

Was built in the year 1645, and stands on the north side of the East Church, from which it is entered by a door, the arch of which is a small segment of a circle. It is a room 26 feet by 14, and about 7 high. In the middle is a long table covered with a carpet, and at the farther end are four desks of oak carved, the faces of which are about three inches in thickness. There is also an antique chair. The room is warmed by a stove. Before the late repairs the roof, which

[1] [*S. N. and Q.*, ii. 36.]

was not coomceiled or plaistered, was painted with the history of the Fall and numerous ornaments. The beams, which support the rafters of the next room-floor and rest on wooden consoles, still show festoons.

Formerly the session sat in the synod house, when the bell, which before that time had hung above the door, was taken and fixed in the aisle above the door of the synod house. The session now use a handbell.

Here is kept the minister's gown, etc.; a purple cloth, gold-fringed, to hang over the pulpit; the plate for holding the baptismal water, which is of pewter; the linen cloth which is hung around it, etc.

It is lighted by a window to the north and one on each side, but on the west side were formerly two. It is warmed by a stove. There is an aperture for emitting water.

Below the session house is a vault, the entrance to which was by a trap door on the floor, which at the late repairs was closed up. In it were some bones.

Above the session house is a room where it is said the first Protestant minister dwelt. It is lighted by two windows on each side and one at the end, which, with the two on the east side, is closed up. The fireplace was in the end next the church, but is now closed up. The stair came up beside it, but it is now removed and only a trap door left. When it was remaining there was a partition between it and the fireplace to which a seat was fixed.

The roof is circular and ceiled with fir. The sides appear to have been painted. There are seven hooks pendant from the roof. The room now contains only an antique writing-desk, one side of which opens. It is plain work, but the legs are fancifully painted. An old lantern; a great quantity of iron sockets for candles, made to screw into the seats (the perforations are still to be seen in the front seats of the galleries); and two old atchievements, which have been deposited here as old lumber: Azure, a bend and chief charged with three cushions, ; a deer's head couped or, and in base three crosslets of the last; with the letters M.P. This is of canvas with mantling, but on a ground gutté d'eau. The other is of linen, with a mantling of argent and gules, and is, three heads, in chief a label of three points. The windows of this place were formerly done in very small lattice work.

In the session house a range of pannels are attached to the wall, on which are recorded the names of those who mortify or otherwise make over anything to the church session, with the amount of the donations in Scots money.

		MKS.
James Cargill, doctor of physic	1616	130
Thomas Forbes, Robslaw	1621	150
Isobell Alexander, relict of J. Toash, Mt.	1621	350

		MKS.
James Toash	1621	120
William Lowson	1623	150
George Nicholson, provest	1624	600
William Duncan, mercht.	1628	150
William Gray, mercht.	1631	1000
William Johnston, doct. of physic	1632	1000
Thomas Forbes, writer	1634	100
Isobell Coutts, relict of	1636	300
George Robertson, mercht.	1644	30
Thomas Buck, mercht.	1644	1000
Alexander Jaffery, provest	1644	400
William Forbes, mercht.	1545	1000
Andrew M'Kie, mercht.	1645	100
James Aberdour, litster	1654	150
Richard Cruickshank, mercht.	1656	500
Alexander Anderson, mercht.	1657	150
George Morison, provost	1659	500
The said Geo. Morison, his mother	1659	500
Alexr. Blair, mercht. in London	1674	500
John Duncan, baillie	1675	100
John Burnet, senior, mercht.	1675	200
James Miln, mercht.	1678	500
Robert Forbes of Robslaw	1678	300
James Lorimer, mercht.	1679	30
Alexander Pyper, mercht.	1684	300
John Leslie, baillie	1692	500
James Chirnsyde, mercht.	1692	500
Andrew Thomson, Advocate	1692	300
John Fyfe, mercht.	1694	200
Agnes Grub, spouse of J. Watson, mer.	1695	200
Alexr. Forbes, senior, mercht.	1696	150
Doctor Patrick Sibbald, minister	1697	500
Doctor Lewis Gordon, physician	1706	1500
Thomas Burnet, mercht.	1707	500
Sir George Skene of Robslaw	1707	1000
Alexander Galloway, mercht.	1707	500
Mr. Geo. Meldrum, minister	1707	500
Baillie Gordon, mer. in O. Abd. daug.	1713	400

		MKS.
Mrs. Frazer	1718	100
Thomas Mitchell, provost	1719	500
Thos. Finnie, mercht. in Dublin	1733	1000
Alexander Ragg, baillie	1719	300
Margaret Caie, old servant in Abdn.	1719	40
Marjorie Forbes, spouse to P. Gordon, Broadland		50
Andrew Ritchie of Forresterhill	1722	1500
Isobell Blak, relict of Baillie Cumming	1722	300
John Gordon, Provost	1724	1000
Isobell Blak, relict of Robt. Cumming		200
William Gellie, late Dean of Gild	1725	500
Jean Mercer, relict of T. Mitchell, provost	1725	500
Helen Irvine, daug. of Jn. Irvine of Savock	1725	300
Alex Pyper, late Dean of Gild	1707	500
John Strachan, senior, mercht.	1730	500
The lady dowager of Braco	1735	1000
Robert Selbie, mercht.	1735	500
John Gall, mer. & Mar. Smith	1736	500
Anna Jeoffry, daur. of D. Jeoffry, mer.	1736	1000
Alexr. Massie, merchant	1745	450
George Mar, merchant	1742	600
The R. Mr. James Ogilvie, minister	1747	500
Jean Leslie, relict of Pat. Sinclair, mer.	1735	89
John Frazer, mercht.	1753	2200
Katherine Moir, rel. of John Sharp, barber	1756	100
Baillie William Smith	1757	180
Jas. Hendry, mer. in London	1758	1800
C. Gordon, relict of Mr And. Huison	1758	1000
Mr. Alexr. Wright, accomptant, disponed a house[1] value	17	3600
Alexr. Thomson, Esqr. of Banchory	1771	900
Janet Kidd, relict of A. Duncan, m.	1772	1800
John Frazer, yost., mercht.	1779	180
John Dingwall, Esqr. of Ranieston	1792	450

About thirty years ago [1788] John Lawrence[2] and another person made a search in Mary Magdalene's chapel, *hodie* the Broth Kitchen, when there were found

[1] "This seems to have been the old house at Wallace Nook, on which was some sculpture, and SI VIS AD VITĀ INGREDI SERVA MANDATA."

[2] "Brazier, Guestraw, an intelligent antiquary."

several small wax images, and one of brass, and also part of the bellows and a few of the organ pipes. The south aisle of this chapel was built by the Bakers, whose arms are on a boss in the ceiling, and their seat in the church is placed above this aisle.[1] The stairs which leads into the south gallery of the church closes up a door which communicates with the churchyard and through which penitents and offenders passed : hence the adjoining street was denominated the Correction Wynd. In this fine crypt I found the old gallows—a very stately pole.

Between the windows in the sanctum sanctorum of this church were formerly small brackets, probably for placing images on. The apertures in the columns, into which the altar rail has been fixed, are still to be seen.

The summits of all the buttresses were terminated by a sort of pinnacle, composed of a single stone, ornamented with crockets. The only one which now remains is placed on the west buttress of the north transept.

The south windows were formerly filled with mullions and tracery.

Of the Transept or Cross Aisle.

The cross aisle is 95 feet in length within walls and 20½ feet broad. The northern aisle is named Colison's, because in the north end of it Provost Colison and his lady's effigies lay in an altar tomb until the boiler for the water which heats the West Church was placed before the old entry, when the door was struck out in this place, and the figures removed to the West Church. The arch under which they lay was ornamented with a simple moulding of quatrefoils with angel heads as corbels.

The south aisle is named Drum's, because it is the burial-place of the family of Irvine of Drum. It is now ceiled and plaistered, and furnished with a pulpit, stove, pews, etc., being the place where the synod meets. The floor is full of gravestones, but they are so worn by being repeatedly trodden on that few are in the least legible.

A large blue slab, as you enter, has a coat of arms in relief, but the bearings are obliterated. Round the edges may be discerned ROBERTVS . . . DE CREMOVND . . . ABREDONIÆ PREFECTV . . . VITA HORA BREVIS.

A small granite stone is for WILLIAM BLACK MERCT BVRGESS IN ABDN WHO DEPAIRTIT THE 16 DECR 1696.

[1] [Logan is entirely wrong here. The south aisle as well as the rest of the chapel was built by the Town Council, and the boss referred to contains a shield bearing the arms of Provost Alexander Chalmers, who was for some time Master of Works.]

Within the synod house, as you enter, you see a large blue slab, round the edges of which is . . . BERT . . . LIE BVRGESS GRANDCHILD TO . . . 1591.

On one in the centre is HERE LYETH MARIE LESLIE DAVGHTER TO DR JAMES LESLIE 8 FEBY 1681. JAMES LESLIE BAILLIE OF ABD 1696. HERE LYES MR ALEXANDER LESLIE ADVOCAT WHO DIED 1707 . . . GIB SPOUSE TO GILBERT LESLIE, 1671.

On a small granite stone is . . . R. 165 .

A small granite stone has the following inscription—HERE LYES JOHN THOMSON CHERVRGON MERCHANT IN ABERDEEN WHO DEPERTED THIS LIFE THE 27 OF JULY 1691.

D M
On a very small stone is 1609
I L

On another larger one is . . . DAUGHTER TO MR. G . . . DALGARNO MINISTER AT FYVIE BURIED JUNE 28, 1702.

Another of the same size has an arms on it. The inscription is . . . ID . . . VEDERBVRNI . . . LECTISS . . . IVX . . . THEATRV . . . VIRTVTI HIC . . . NA SEPVLCHRO . . . GERIT HIC PARTES . . . FAMA SE . . . OBIIT ILLA 29 OCTOB 1613.

This is crossed by a later inscription, viz.:—V A
1635.

On one stone is seen 1667; and on another 1692.

On the east interior wall of Drum's aisle hung an atchievement for Gordon of Silverton, which was taken down in .

There were hatchments fixed on the walls of Colison's aisle, on the west side and on the east.

The walls have been successively covered with carots or texts from Scripture, which in the two first coats were in black letter. These I discovered by scraping off the successive coats of plaster, but I escaped the threat of defacing the fabric of the kirk I had from Dr. Ogilvie for doing the same to decipher an ancient epitaph in the Aulton Kirk.

On the front or face of the stone steps which lead from the transept to the steeple are the remains of letters in relief VS · DEO The tread of
M · R · S · I
those steps are very much worn.

In the west wall of the synod house is a brass plate with an inscription recording the death of Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum, who fell at the battle of Harlaw.[1] It is placed within a frame of bluish veined white marble.

[1] [*S. N. and Q.*, i. 119.]

[1] Hic sub ista sepultura jacet honorabilis et
famosus miles dñs alexander de irvyn secūdus
qdā dñs de drovm dauchyndor et forglen qui obiit
die mēsis anno dñi mocccco
[2] Hic etiam jacet nobilis dña dña elizabeth de
Keth filia qdam dñi roberti de keth militis
marescalli scocie vxor qdā dc̄i dñi alexandri d'irvyn
que obiit die mēsis año dñi mocccco [3]

The plate is 1 ft. 7 in. in length, and 1 ft. 2 in. in breadth. It is done by relieving the letters, etc., and filling up the ground with pitch.

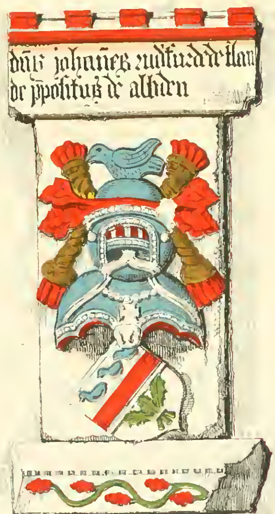
About years since, John Davidson, a silversmith, finding it broken, and out of its place, mended it, and got it fixed on the wall where it now remains.

[1] [Shield bearing three bunches of holly leaves.]

[2] [Shield bearing a chief paly of six.]

[3] [Logan does not mention the two fine effigies of Sir Alexander Irvine and his Lady, which now lie, on a modern base, near the south door of the south transept (Drum's Aisle). The stones of the canopy under which they lay are preserved at Drum Castle: they show traces of painting. A drawing of this canopy by Mrs. A. Forbes Irvine of Drum is given in the *Transactions of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society for* 1890, p. 5.]

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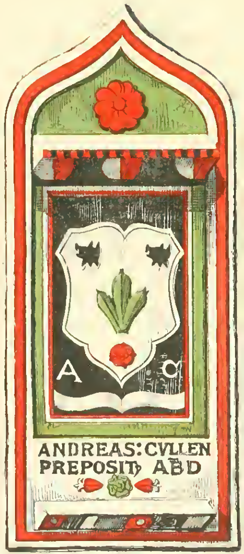
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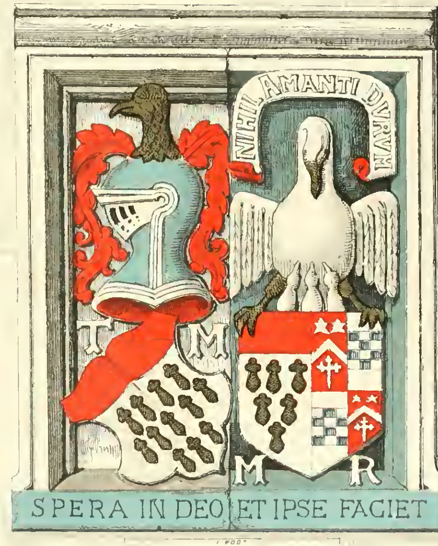
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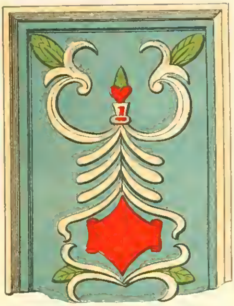
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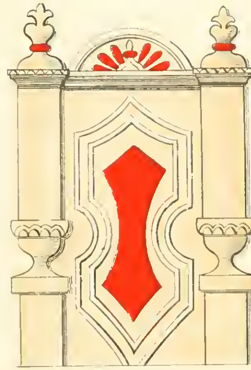
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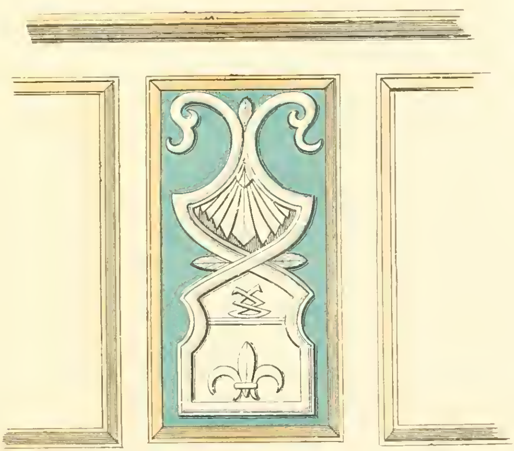
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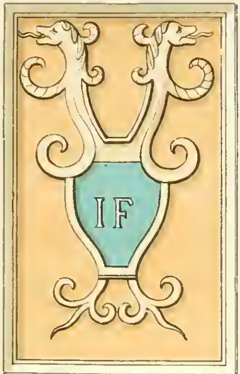
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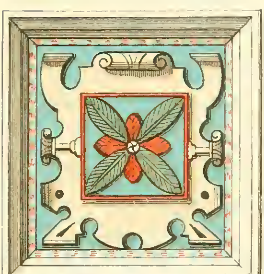
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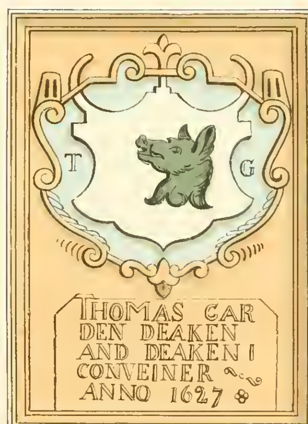
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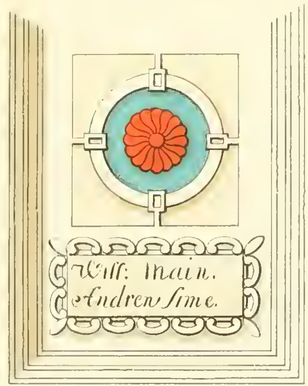
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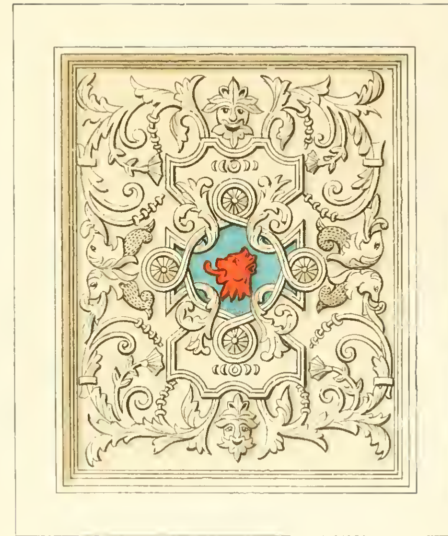
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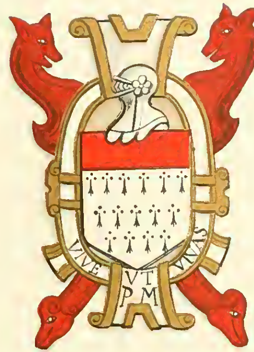
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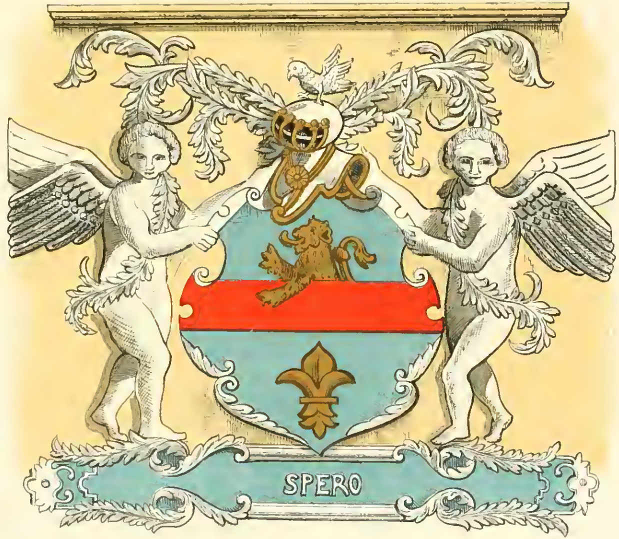
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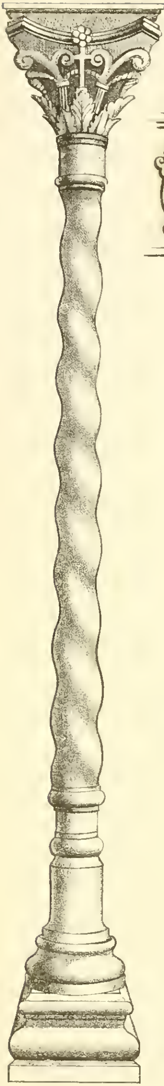
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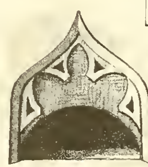
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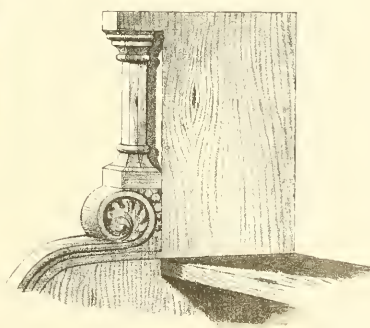
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